

#### Reading 1: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

## Reading 2: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

## Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first. When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

## **Lectio Divina**

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

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#### **READ**

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

#### Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said.

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not, '

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

RESOL	UTION
	concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is bu. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my $s_{\parallel}$

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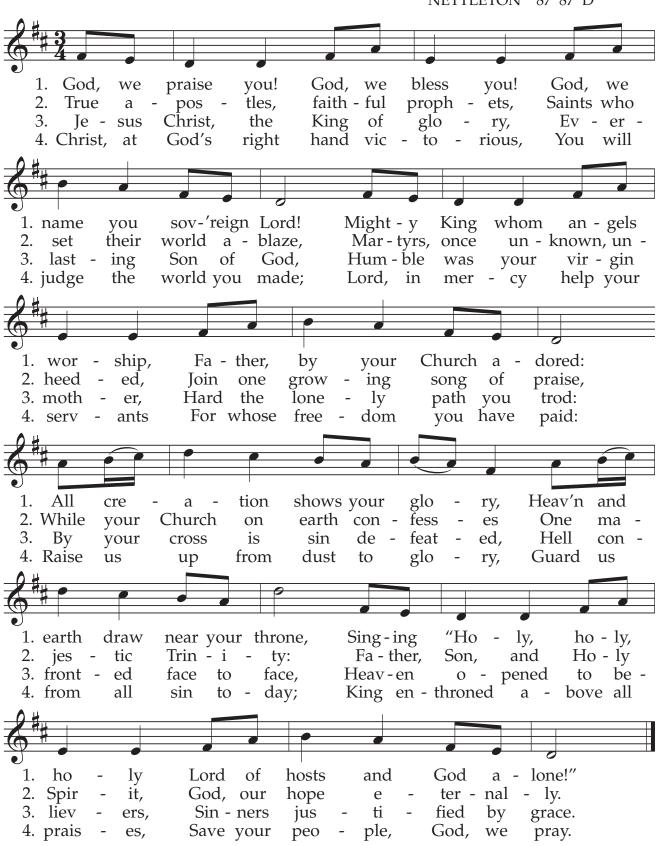
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#### You Never Let Go

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death Your perfect love is casting out fear And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life I won't turn back I know You are near

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on A glorious light beyond all compare And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

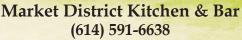
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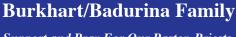


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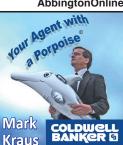
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## What's happening at St. Catharine

A full calendar of events can be found online at stcatharine.com/calendar

#### St. Catharine School Fall Mum Sale

Deadline to order is Sunday, September 20

Our mum sale earns money for important initiatives such as tuition assistance, buses for field trips, and teacher wish lists. Last year we were able to use the funds earned from the sale to support the new playground. Pick-up is Friday, September 25 from 5:30pm-8:00pm behind the school gym.

Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse will be supplying us with fresh, premium products at an exceptional value. You have your choice of adorable pumpkin or monster pot (BatMum is a hanging basket) to dress up your porch for Halloween. Mumkins and Mumsters come with mum colors as pictured in the catalog. Replacement mums without decorative pots are available in 5 different colors. Order at www.fundraiseit.org using the Web Sale Code: 9BB5E Questions?

#### Thank you for supporting the Food and Personal Care Drive!

Once again we are so grateful for your generosity with the latest food drive. St. Lawrence Haven, Holy Family Soup Kitchen, the Bishop Griffin Center, St. Phillip's Food Pantry, and the St. Francis Outreach Center in Scioto County were abundantly blessed with items that are truly needed right now. We are planning another food drive in 6-8 weeks, so be on the lookout for more info coming soon! Along with critically needed food items this one will include gently used coats for our neighbors living in poverty in Scioto County. For more info please contact Lisa at lisa reis@yahoo.com or Mary Ginn at maryginn11@gmail.com

#### **Calendar and Events**

TUES	09/22	FRI	09/25
6:30pm	Confession	5:30pm	Mum Sale pick up
WEDS	09/23	SAT	09/26
6:00pm	First Communion Rehearsal (School)	10:00am	First Communion (School)
7:00pm	First Communion Rehearsal (PSR)	12:30pm	First Communion (PSR)
7:00pm	Eyewitness Bible Study	5:00pm	Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner
THURS	09/24		
6:30am	Men's Breakfast with the Bishop		
7:00pm	ADORE Night		

#### Save the Date

Sep 24 National Day of Prayer and Fasting
Oct 17 Confirmation (9th grade)

#### **Adoration Chapel**

Open Sunday-Friday from 6:00am-9:00pm for quiet prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to make a visit any time. Do not underestimate the peace that will come from being with Jesus.

#### Confession

Tuesday 6:30pm

Thursday 7:00pm (ADORE Night)

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#### **Alpha Online**

Mondays at 7pm or Thursdays at 8:30pm

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith run over 11 weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as "Who is Jesus?" and "Why and How Do I Pray?" Fall sessions begin September 21st and 24th. Head to stcatharine.com to register.



#### Men's Breakfast With The Bishop

Thursdays // 6:30am · Begins September 24th

Join Bishop Brennan and the men of St. Catharine to kick off this semester of Men's Thursday Breakfast. We'll have a hot breakfast, coffee, and **we'll hear from Bishop Brennan** on what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world.

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#### **High School Youth Group**

Every Sunday // 6pm-8pm · Begins October 4th

Our new Damascus Youth Ministry Team is kicking off the semester with **free tacos** in the Parish Center. High School Youth Group will be every Sunday from October 4th — December 6th in the Parish Center Open to all high school students! Questions? Contact Dorothy Allwein, dorothy@damascus.net



#### **Middle School Youth Group**

2nd & 4th Sundays // 6pm-8pm · Begins October 11th

Middle School Youth Group will kick off with pizza, games, prizes, prayer and more! **Open to all students in 6th-8th grades.** First Semester Dates: October 11, October 25th, November 15th, November 29th. Questions? Contact Dorothy Allwein, dorothy@damascus.net



#### **Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday, September 26 // 5pm-8pm

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