



Reading 1: Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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.

1

READ

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

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

2

REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

3

RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

534 God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

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1. God is Love, let heav'n a - dore him; God is
2. God is Love; his love en - fold - eth, All the
3. God is Love; and though with blind - ness Sin af -



1. Love, let earth re - joice; Let cre - a - tion
2. world in one em - brace: With un - fail - ing
3. flicts all hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal



1. sing be - fore him And ex - alt him with one voice.
2. grasp he hold - eth, Ev - 'ry child of ev - 'ry race.
3. lov - ing kind - ness Guides us through our earth - ly strife.



1. God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who
2. And when hu - man hearts are break - ing Un - der
3. Sin and death and hell shall nev - er O'er us



1. spread the heav'ns a - bove, God who breathes through
2. sor - row's i - ron rod, Then we find that
3. fin - al tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



1. all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
2. self - same ach - ing Deep with - in the heart of God.
3. Love for ev - er O'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

528 Gift of Finest Wheat

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You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come, give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



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|---------|-----------------|------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| 1. As | when the shep - | herd | calls his | sheep, | They |
| 2. With | joy - ful | lips | we | sing to | you |
| 3. Is | not the | cup | we | bless and | share |
| 4. The | mys - t'ry | of | your | pres - ence, | Lord, |
| 5. You | give your - | self | to | us, O | Lord; |
| | | | | | Then |



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|-----------|----------|------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|-------|
| 1. know | and heed | his | voice, | So | when you | call | your |
| 2. praise | and | grat - i - | tude, | That | you | should | count |
| 3. blood | of | Christ | out - | poured? | Do | not | one |
| 4. mor - | tal | tongue | can | tell: | Whom | all | the |
| 5. self - | less | let | us | be, | To | serve | each |
| | | | | | | oth - | er |



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|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|----------|------|
| 1. fam - | 'ly, | Lord, | We | fol - | low | and | re - |
| 2. wor - | thy, | Lord, | To | share | this | heav'n - | ly |
| 3. loaf, | de - | clare | Our | one - | ness | in | the |
| 4. not | con - | tain | Comes | in | our | hearts | to |
| 5. in | your | name | In | truth | and | char - | i - |
| | | | | | | ty. | |

I Sing the Mighty Power of God 575

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1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God, That
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord, That
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But



1. made the moun-tains rise; That spread the flow - ing
2. filled the earth with food; He formed the crea - tures
3. makes thy glo - ries known; And clouds a - rise, and



1. seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies. I
2. with his word, And then pro-nounced them good. Lord,
3. tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne; While



1. sing the Wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the
2. how thy won - ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my
3. all that bor - rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy



1. day; The moon shines full at his com - mand,
2. eye; If I sur - vey the ground I tread,
3. care, And ev - 'ry - where that man can be,



1. And all the stars o - bey.
2. Or gaze up - on the sky!
3. Thou, God are pres - ent there.

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You
Oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep
Your grace is more
Where grace is found
is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Yes where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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Alive Again

I woke up in darkness, surrounded by silence
Oh where, where have I gone?
I woke to reality, losing its grip on me
Oh where, where have I gone?
Cause I can see the light, before I see the sunrise

**You called and you shouted,
Broke through my deafness
Now I'm breathing in, and breathing out,
I'm alive again!
You shattered my darkness,
Washed away my blindness
Now I'm breathing in, and breathing out
I'm alive again!**

Late have I loved you
You waited for me, I searched for you
What took me so long?
I was looking outside
As if love would ever want to hide
I'm finding I was wrong
Cause I can feel the wind, Before it hits my skin

*Cause I want You, Yes I want You
I need You
And I'll do whatever I have to
Just to get through
Cause I love You
yeah I love You!*

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REFLECTIONS ON CHOOSING POLITICAL CANDIDATES

SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

"In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [Gaudete et Exsultate], Pope Francis writes: The call to holiness requires a "firm and passionate" defense of "the innocent unborn." "Equally sacred," he further states, are "the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection."

Introductory Letter, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2019

APPLYING A CONSISTENT MORAL FRAMEWORK

"Pope Francis has continued to draw attention to important issues such as migration, xenophobia, racism, abortion, global conflict, and care for creation. In the United States and around the world, many challenges demand our attention.

The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty."

Introductory Letter, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2019



PRUDENTIAL DISCERNMENT

"The Church's teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good—by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment—it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended."

#20 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

SERVE AS MODELS OF CIVIL DIALOGUE

"Our commitment as people of faith to imitate Christ's love and compassion should challenge us to serve as models of civil dialogue, especially in a context where discourse is eroding at all levels of society. Where we live, work, and worship, we strive to understand before seeking to be understood, to treat with respect those with whom we disagree, to dismantle stereotypes, and to build productive conversation in place of vitriol."

Introductory Letter, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2019

What is the candidate's commitment to protect all human life, from conception to natural death?

What is the candidate's commitment to addressing threats to marriage and family, as understood by the Church, as well as other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care, or an unjust immigration policy?

How does the candidate measure up in both words and actions with the totality of Catholic Social Teaching?

What would be morally grave reasons to support and/or oppose a candidate? (Please refer to the U.S. Bishops document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, paragraphs 34 through 37).

What is my assessment of the candidate's personal integrity, governing philosophy, performance and ability to influence a given issue?

Has the candidate demonstrated sufficient competency to hold such an elected position?

We encourage prayerful reflection upon reading the entire *Faithful Citizenship* statement which can be found at: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship



October 23, 2020

Dear Members of our Parish Family:

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, this letter describes the financial results and statement of condition for our parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. For reporting purposes, we have isolated from the table below, to the extent possible, the *For God's Glory* capital campaign from the general operations of the parish. Further, as construction has been completed, the parish is now incurring substantial depreciation expense (a non-cash item) that impacts our overall financial results therefore we have broken that out in the financial results presented here.

Summary

As the pandemic took hold in the 4th quarter of our fiscal year, the uncertain times caused the Parish to operate cautiously given the unknown environment. And frankly the bottom line proves how generous and supportive you all have been to our parish. As I write this report, you will notice the common term of “flat year over year” throughout the analysis and commentary and in these uncertain times that is a welcome outcome.

For the fiscal year, Total Revenue of \$2.6 million was approximately flat year over year. On the revenue side, education revenue and parish weekly offertory collections were essentially equal to the prior year. While the offertory has been flat for more than several years now, we were very pleased to “hold our own” especially given the uncertain times. Further, bequests or special gifts totaled \$73,000 for this fiscal year, up over no bequests the prior year. Activities, net revenue, reported a decrease of \$58,800 year over year – due solely to the inability to hold spring fund raisers especially the FunFest. Other revenue had a year over year increase of \$7,600 due primarily to an insurance claim recovery. Bottom line, revenue was up 1.3% year over the prior fiscal year.

The parish’s single largest expense continues to be the catholic education of our parish children. Parish education support includes our parish school, youth catechesis education, and high school secondary support. The parish’s net contribution to all facets of education was \$561,500 for the 2020 fiscal year, a decrease of \$67,700 or approximately 14%. Our parish school enrollment had been stable and the good news is for the 2020-21 school year enrollment is up 4% - even in the midst of the pandemic. “Retention and recruitment” efforts remain a focus for the School Advisory Board to assure long term viability of the school. The pre-school was at full enrollment for the fiscal year but for the current year enrollment is limited by Covid restrictions. The Parish Finance Committee continues to work with the School Advisory Board to gradually reduce the parish financial commitment to the school. Growing enrollment helps this effort immensely. Further, the parish continues to watch its own operating expenses very carefully during these uncertain times. The combined parish staff and parish operations expense decreased \$90,400 or 14% year over year. Again, the bottom line on total expenses, were flat year over year.

As the pandemic hit and the economic situation became cloudy, the parish was eligible and did participate in the SBA Payroll Protection Program taking out a borrowing of \$424,700. During the spring closures, the parish continued to pay all employees regardless of whether they were able to work or not. We have submitted our documentation for loan forgiveness. With the construction essentially completed on the *For God's Glory* project, as of June 30, 2020 the parish now has debt of \$1.5 million, which will be repaid from the financial pledges to be received over the life of pledges (generally three more years). Our parish savings account stands at \$111,600, an increase of \$19,100 or 21% over the prior fiscal year end.

Our 942 registered parishioners are the foundation of St. Catharine and we are very blessed to have so many involved and supporting families who step up when called upon—either in time, talent or treasure. We thank everyone for their financial support of our parish. We look forward to keeping you posted on our financial position and results.

Sincerely,



Pat McJoynt-Griffith
Chair, Parish Finance Committee

Summary Parish Financial Report				
2019-20 report				
	Fiscal Year ending June 30,			
	2019	2020	Inc/Dec Yr/Yr	% change
REVENUE				
Education	\$ 1,477,300	\$ 1,489,245	\$ 11,945	
Offerings & Bequests	1,064,600	1,139,300	74,700	
Activities, net	37,900	(20,900)	(58,800)	
Other including BAA refund	84,100	91,700	7,600	
	\$ 2,663,900	\$ 2,699,345	35,445	1.3%
EXPENSES				
Education	\$ 1,971,100	\$ 2,050,700	79,600	
Parish Staff	330,200	312,000	(18,200)	
Parish Operations	301,600	229,400	(72,200)	
	\$ 2,602,900	\$ 2,592,100	(10,800)	-0.4%
OPERATING NET before "Normal" Diocesan Assessment	\$ 61,000	\$ 107,200	46,200	
Diocesan Assessment (6% of offerings & bequests)	(64,500)	(63,900)	600	
SUBTOTAL	\$ (3,500)	\$ 43,300	46,800	
Depreciation	(78,500)	(431,200)	(352,700)	
NET AFTER DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT & DEPRECIATION	\$ (82,000)	\$ (387,900)	(305,900)	

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Home & School Christmas Wreath Sale

Orders due by October 28th · Pickup November 22nd & 24th

Support St. Catharine School and choose from a wonderful selection of fresh Christmas evergreens to decorate your home or office. These also make great gifts to help spread a little extra cheer in this challenging time. Visit www.stcatharine.com/wreath-sale to locate this year's order form.

Payment can be made through Venmo (preferred) @StCats-School or by returning/ mailing a check to St. Catharine School Wreath Sale, 2865 Fair Ave., Columbus 43209

Orders will be available for pickup in the St. Catharine parking lot (near the playground) at the following times: Sunday, November 22nd from 9:30am to 12:30pm or Tuesday, November 24th from 3:45pm to 6:00pm

We are also excited to offer an additional online gifting option this year. Families may order the same wreaths and other greenery available through our traditional program and have it shipped anywhere in the country. Or, families may also use this program to order products in a completely no-touch manner. St. Catharine School will receive \$8.00 back for each item purchased through this program. Please note that these products are sold at a higher price due to shipping costs.

To utilize the Gift It Forward program, visit www.giftitforward.com and enter our code: STCATOH001.

Contact Emily McFadden at 614-207-5449 or emilymarieklein@gmail.com with questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive

November, 11 · 1:00pm-7:00pm · Parish Hall

Be the lifeline that patients need and give blood because we are all connected. Your blood, platelet or plasma donation connects you to patients receiving your lifesaving gift and their families, to our Red Cross staff, volunteers and to countless other donors. Now more than ever, we must band together and take care of our community.

Schedule via 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: StCatharine

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.

"The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Confession

Tuesday 6:30pm
Thursday 7:00pm (ADORE Night)

Offering (October 18)

Total Offering	\$19,767.68
Less 6%	\$1,186.06
Net	\$18,581.62

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Bishop's Annual Appeal

BAA Goal	\$104,079
-Pledges	\$96,405
To meet goal	\$7,674

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40 Days for Life

Friday, October 30 • 7am-7pm

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. It is a peaceful and educational presence, and those who are called to stand witness during this vigil send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

St. Catharine has adopted Friday, October 30 from 7am until 7pm, and we are asking that a minimum of two volunteers sign up to pray at the clinic for each hour-long shift. The vigil is being held outside of Planned Parenthood (3255 E Main St., Columbus, OH, 43213). Questions? Contact Kelli Horn 614-852-8857



Cub Scout Hike

Sunday, November 1 • 2pm-4pm

All prospective Cub Scouts and their immediate families are to Sycamore Creek Park in Pickerington for a hike. Masks will be required for the duration of the Fall Hike Event by both youth and adults. There is no charge for the Fall Hike, but please RSVP to Christ Henney at henneyc@gmail.com by Friday, October 30th.



Confirmation • Saturday, October 17

Calendar and Events

SUN	10/25	WEDS	10/28
6:00pm	High School Youth (Parish Center)	7:30am	Men's Rosary
6:00pm	Middle School Youth Group (Gym)	7:00pm	Eyewitness Bible Study
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
MON	10/26	THURS	10/29
6:30pm	Cub Scouts	6:30am	Men's Breakfast (Brotherhood)
TUES	10/27	7:00pm	ADORE Night
6:30pm	Confession	SUN	11/01
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