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"Do This in Remembrance of Me" A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass



Part 18: The Response After the Readings

"Thanks be to God!"

After the First and Second Readings at Mass, we have this familiar statement and response from the congregation. As the Diocese of Peoria's *A Study of the Mass* teaches, "At the end of the reading, the lector announces, 'the Word of the Lord,' which is a testament of our faith in the inspired Word of God in Sacred Scripture. We readily show our gratitude and respond, 'Thanks be to God!' We are thankful that God has revealed himself to us and that He continues to speak to us" (p. 7).

God Speaks to Us

Far more than just being "standard operating procedure," these little dialogues are really powerful affirmations of what is happening during the Liturgy of the Word. While the lector proclaims God's Word, we listen to what God wants to teach us that particular day. Even if we are generally attentive to the readings, we can easily get distracted. Perhaps we notice someone sitting nearby and think of a question we wanted to ask him or her. Sometimes, a word in the reading reminds us of another thought. Maybe our stomach growls and we start thinking about what our next meal might be. In any event, at the end of the reading, the lector helps to get us back on track if we've wandered astray. The lector says, "The Word of the Lord," as if to say, "In case you forgot or didn't notice, the Lord God of heaven and earth was just speaking to you." It really is amazing to stop and think about: God is speaking to us, his people, through the readings at Mass!

Our response, "Thanks be to God," acknowledges that God is truly speaking to his people through the Bible reading we just heard and that we recognize we are blessed to hear those words! Being in the habit of turning to God in thankfulness can be so helpful in our daily living as well. In the midst of our lives, we easily get our hearts turned inward, such as when we are thinking about what makes us happy or what we would enjoy for dinner. In more serious situations, when we fall into sin, we are turned inward in a way that keeps our vision away from God and others. When this happens, we can find ourselves falling into selfishness and self-seeking behavior. We can also miss opportunities for charity because we do not recognize the good in the people around us.

Practicing Thankfulness

In these latter situations, the grace of the sacraments helps strengthen us. Thankfulness is also a great remedy that helps turn our hearts as we recognize blessings that have come from God and others. Being thankful can give us a reset and help us once again to see and appreciate the gifts God has given us and the good that we can see in one another. We glimpse the wisdom behind our response to the readings at Mass. Being in the habit of regularly thanking God helps keep our hearts healthy and on track.

Not only does this dialogue help us acknowledge God and thank him for the Scriptures, but it can also help us stay in tune with what we are doing at Mass. As you may know, the word Eucharist itself means "thanksgiving." In the Mass, we join with Christ in the perfect sacrifice of praise to God the Father. As God's people, we are also joined together in thankful praise, recognizing the love of Christ and our invitation to share in that love. Very fittingly, after the Second Reading and response, we will praise God together in preparation for the Gospel as we sing the Alleluia!

For Reflection:

- Reflect on a few Scripture passages which proclaim, "Thanks be to God" (e.g., Romans 7:25, 1 Corinthians 15:57, 2 Corinthians 9:15). Compare St. Paul's cause for thanksgiving with your own reasons for gratitude. Consider adding "Thanks be to God" to your public ways of expressing joy and gratitude in daily life.
- 2. Psalms 105, 106, 107, 118, and 136 (among others) all begin by inviting us to "Give thanks to the Lord." Try beginning your next time of prayer with thanksgiving.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog



WITH MUSIC BY THE SISTERS OF LIFE

The Sisters of Life are a Catholic community of women religious, who profess the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Their missions include serving women who are vulnerable to abortion, giving them the support and resources to be able to choose life for themselves and their children; hosting weekend retreats; evangelization; outreach to college students; and helping all people to encounter the mercy and healing of Jesus Christ.



Thursday, October 12th 7:00pm



All are invited to join in celebrating Our Lady and the October 13th miracle of the sun in Fatima.

Rosary begins at 7pm in the St. Peter room of the Parish Hall, with bonfire and treats to follow! (Feel free to bring a dessert to share.)

> Questions? Contact Sarah Mangia, sarahcmangia@gmail.com





WORTHY OF THE CALL

WHATEVER IT TAKES

- Brian Topping
- Theme: Called to Mature Manhood
- What it means to be "mature" in our manhood
- Answer the call to accept God's grace
- Learn to pursue the goal of God's calling
- Rely on God's grace to pursue your calling

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 Embrace the call to lay down your life in with the power of evil and create a pathway to overcome it.
- · Lift up your heart and mind to Christ with powerful Lenten Reflections.
- Enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday through Jewish eyes and experience the Triduum like never before.
- loving sacrifice, bring joy into your home and manifest the merciful love of God the Father.
- · Remain grafted to the vine to bear a hundred-fold fruitfulness.
- Experience the holy grit of the Saints while relying upon the holy grace of God.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

St. Catharine Parish Hall (Sorohan Center) Saturday Mornings Season Begins Spetember 9

SCHEDULE:

7:15 Light Breakfast 7:30 Program 8:00 Small Group Discussion 8:30 Program Ends - Optional Mass

REGISTRATION:

For more information, contact Paul Wills at 614.266.2249 or email pkawills7@gmail.com Register Online at https://paradisusdei.org





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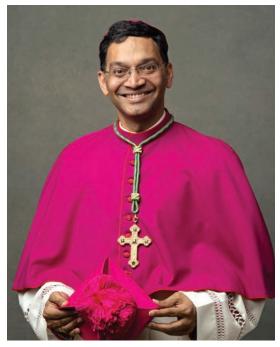
Do **YOU** want to do something locally to make an impact for the moms and babies of our community?

Come pray the Mass with His Excellency, Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus and the Women's Care Center!

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 19TH** 5:30 PM

Please join us after Mass for Exposition, a Rosary, and Benediction followed by pizza-to-go!

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In honor of families and the protection of life ahead of our upcoming elections.

What is the Church?

A building? A philosophy? A religious organization? A group of like-minded people? A set of moral rules? A place to belong?

... or is the Church much, much more?

The Church 101

What Every Catholic Should Know

with Mike Denz, Oct. 11, 7:00-8:00 pm, Parish Hall



The Church and the Eucharist

Dinner and a Talk with Jason Spoolstra

Saturday, October 21st - Church Undercroft - Childcare available

Jason Spoolstra is the Associate Director for the office of Marriage and Family in the Diocese of Columbus. His professional career spans over sixteen years and five dioceses in Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry, Faith formation and Young Adult Ministry. Most recently, Jason worked as the Director of Pilgrimage for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Jason earned a BA in History from the University of North Texas and an MA in Catechetics and the New Evangelization from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

As the author of the YouTube channel *Light and Heavy*, Jason chronicles his passion for pilgrimages. He is the co-founder of *Link to Liturgy*, a parish resource devoted to the Sacred Liturgy. Through *Link to Liturgy*, he has also authored Sacramental Preparation books for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist as well as a prayer book for families.

With his wife of fourteen years, Rebecca, Jason has 7 children, Clare, Catherine, Elizabeth and Gregory as well as three in heaven due to miscarriage: Helen, Michael, Margaret.



Sign up for either or both events here: stcatharine.com/sacred-thinking



Finish The Race Estate Planning Series

"...my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me —the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24



It's never too early to prepare.

Please join Fr. Morris and fellow St. Catharine parishioners for an evening of faith, fellowship, and education in estate planning. This two-part series will focus on how to properly plan your funeral and ensure your final wishes are carried out regarding your finances and healthcare. It's never too early to start preparing, plus it brings peace of mind to you and your loved ones knowing your wishes will be carried out as you intended. All are welcome and encouraged to learn more! Light refreshments and appetizers will be served. **Location:** St. Catharine Parish Center



Part I: Funeral Planning

Tuesday, October 24th - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Presented by Fr. Matthew Morris, Bob Ryan of Egan Ryan Funeral Home, and Christy Steffy of The Catholic Foundation. Topics include: Planning a Funeral Liturgy, Funeral Home Preparations, and Final Resting Place Information.



Part II: Estate Planning

Tuesday, November 14th - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Presented by Christopher Vonau, Esq. of Decker Vonau, LLC, and Christy Steffy of The Catholic Foundation. Topics include: Will and Trust Preparations (including how to avoid probate court) and a Catholic Perspective on Healthcare Power of Attorney.

Register at www.stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509 Questions? Christy Steffy at The Catholic Foundation 614-443-8893 • csteffy@catholic-foundation.org



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\$45 Pre-Purchase Online by October 23rd \$50 after October 23rd or at the door www.stcatharine.com Womb to Tomb Ministry presents...

Father-Son Service Day

October 28th

9am-12pm Serve & 12-1pm Lunch

Build strong relationships while serving members of our community!

Interested? Email Alanna at willsalanna@gmail.com



PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FOR LITTLE ONES AND THEIR FAMILIES

November December **October 2** Little Saints 7 Little Saints **5** Little Saints **9** Pray & Play @ ADORE 7 Pray & Play @ ADORE 5 Pray & Play @ ADORE **16** StoryTime with Jesus 8 Family Rosary @ 8pm 13 Family Rosary @ 7pm and cookie exchange **19** StoryTime with Jesus February January March 4 Little Saints **1** Little Saints 7 Little Saints 4 Pray & Play @ ADORE 1 Pray & Play @ ADORE 7 Pray & Play @ ADORE **18** StoryTime with Jesus **15** StoryTime with Jesus April May **4** Little Saints 2 Little Saints 4 Pray & Play @ ADORE 2 Pray & Play @ ADORE **18** StoryTime with Jesus **23** StoryTime with Jesus **Little Saints Story Time with Jesus** Pray & Play @ ADORE Preschool aged little ones and Preschool aged little ones and **On ADORE revival nights** their families learn about our their families come for a story volunteers staff the childcare Catholic Faith and the lives of the and a short time of Adoration! room so parents can go to Saints! (9:30 - Lower Level) (9:30 - Gallery) Confession and Adoration. (7 - 8pm - Lower Level)

find out more at stcatharine.com Questions? email Toni (toni@stcatharine.com) or Heidi (heidithompson522@gmail.com)



2023-2024

Oct 12 - Society of St. Clare Oct 13 - Family Rosary Oct 19 - Arrows & Virtues Nov 9 - Society of St. Clare Nov 16 - Arrows & Virtues Dec 8 - Family Rosary Dec 14 - Advent Celebration Jan 11 - Society of St. Clare Jan 18 - Arrow & Virtues Feb 8 - Society of St. Clare Feb 15 - Arrows & Virtues Mar 21 - Arrows & Virtues Apr 11 - Society of St. Clare Apr 18 - Arrows & Virtues May 16 - Mary May Celebration



ARROWS CLUB

Faith-filled fun for boys in grades 4-8, learning how to live courageous lives.

3:15PM - LOWER LEVEL

VIRTUES CLUB Faith and friendship for girls in grades 4-8. Extra fun for girls in grades 2-3 this year!

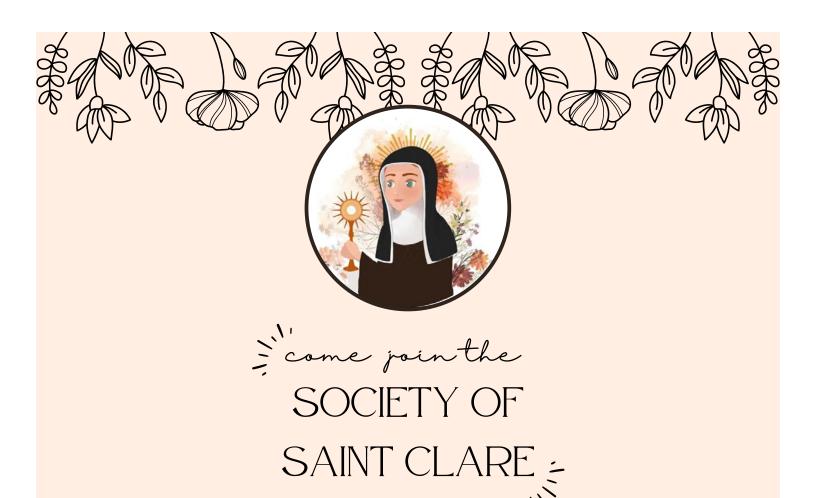
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SOCIETY OF ST. CLARE Girls who love Jesus, having fun, following Him, and learning more about the Mass.

3:15PM - LOWER LEVEL

Register now at stcatharine.com!

QUESTIONS? Email Toni (toni@stcatharine.com) or Heidi (heidithompson522@gmail.com)



Girls in grades 4, 5, and 6 are invited to join us for Faith and friendship on Thursdays, once each month, in the undercroft. This year we will consider the *Imitation of Christ for Children* by Elizabeth Ficocelli and learn more about Jesus, truly Present in the Eucharist. Bring a friend and come have fun!

October 12th November 9th December 14th Advent Celebration(with Arrows & Virtues Clubs) January 11th February 8th April 11th May 16th Mary May Celebration (with Arrows & Virtues Clubs)

Meet us in the undercroft after school! 3:00-4:30 pm at St. Catharine. Find out more at www.stcatharine.com Questions? toni@stcatharine.com





GIRLS VIRTUES CLUB

girls in grades 4th-8thextra fun for grades 2nd & 3rd

Meet us monthly in the undercroft on Thursdays, 3:15pm-4:30pm

<u>2023-2024</u>

October 19 November 16 December 14 January 18 February 15 March 21 April 18 May 16

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Miracle of the Sun | St. Gerard | St. Luke | St. John Paul II | St. Jude

10/16 St. Gerard

St. Gerard is the patron of expectant mothers. Pray together for one of the many new moms at our parish, offer a visit to the chapel, make a card (or a meal!) and deliver it. Pop into the church to find our statue of St. Gerard. At dinner tonight, share some of your child's birth story!

10/18 St. Luke

The Feast of St. Luke is a good day to read a favorite story from the Gospel of St. Luke or the Acts of the Apostles. You could also pray the Magnificat, which was preserved for us by St. Luke. He was a physician, so it's also a great day to hug or pray for a doctor!

10/22 Pope St. John Paul II

Pope St. John Paul II danced in Africa, giggled with children, and led our Church for 27 years. Celebrate with a rosary hike - pray the luminous mysteries or the Divine Mercy chaplet. Prepare a polish meal together: kielbasa, pierogi, sauerkraut, and the papal cream cake - kremowka!



10/13 Miracle of the Sun

Watch The 13th Day on Formed or search online to see photos taken on the day "the sun danced" at Fatima. Come pray a family rosary, enjoy a bonfire, and have some treats at St. Catharine -7pm in the St. Peter room. Use a recycled berry box and Sharpies to make a sun catcher!

10/28 St. Jude

Make a family prayer board (do a quick search online for ideas) for St. Jude's attention to help with special intentions and "desperate cases." Make plans to visit the relic of St. Jude Thaddeus on October 30 at St. Paul's in Westerville (1:00-10:00pm) - Mass is at 7pm. Pope Francis has attached a plenary indulgence to the veneration of St. Jude's relic. Wow!

Do a a quick online search for resources, recipes, and prayers for fasting and feasting in your little Domestic Church: Catholic All Year, Catholic Icing, Elizabeth Clare blog, USCCB, or <u>catholic.org</u>.

The Joy of Family Bonfires and Papal Cream Cake

At the close of the Mass we are sent out into the world to love God, love people, and share the Good News. Take the celebration with you! Try these easy ways to make the special days of the Church calendar part of your family's day-to-day life.

I. Celebrate the anniversary of your baptism.

Plan a special dessert, share pictures or stories from the day, light a candle, and renew your baptismal promises - you can find them on <u>catholic.org</u>. (Don't know the anniversary of your baptism? Check your baptismal certificate or call the parish where you were baptized.)

2. Celebrate Namedays!

Find out the feast days on the Church calendar of the Saints who share your name. Do acts of charity and ask for their intercession, make a special meal, and share prayers and stories about the Saint.

3. Choose a few other celebrations throughout the Church year that might have particular meaning to you, like feast days to celebrate the Virgin Mary or something important that happened in the life of Jesus. With a quick Google search, you will find amazing traditions, recipes, and fun ideas. (What if you had a family bonfire to celebrate Pentecost? Or ate chocolate covered grasshoppers to celebrate the Passion of John the Baptist? Maybe not.)

There are so many fun feasts and traditions in our Catholic Faith. They teach us about the saving work of God and His incredible love for us. They remind us of the holy men and women who lead us closer to Jesus. They give us a way to joyfully share our Faith. Start simple and invite other families to celebrate with you; be prepared to to tell all about it - truly, who wouldn't want to know the story behind a dessert like papal cream cake?

God made us for joy. - Pope St. John Paul II

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Register to Vote by October 10th

This November, Ohioans will vote on a proposed change to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine abortion into law. Our Catholic faith tells us that God places no condition on the value of human life from conception until natural death. Therefore, the Catholic Church cannot be silent when vulnerable women and preborn children are threatened by an amendment that...

- Puts women at risk by endangering medical and safety standards
- Allows painful, late-term abortions by not setting any clear limits on abortion
- Threatens parental rights by challenging notification requirements when minors seek abortions or other reproductive interventions



Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment. Register to vote or update your information by October 10th at www.voteohio.gov

Jesus calls us to stand up for "the least of these" in our society, including preborn children and vulnerable women. Catholics must protect both women and children by Voting No on Issue 1.

Early Voting Against Issues 1 & 2

Catholics are called to faithful citizenship, which means we must act when a moral question confronts our society by praying and fasting, educating ourselves and our neighbors, and making our voice heard when it's time to vote.

As followers of Christ, Catholics cannot be silent when the health and safety of women and preborn children are endangered by the vague language of Issue 1. We must also protect the health of children and safety of our communities, which are both threatened by the legalization of recreational marijuana proposed by Issue 2. Recreational marijuana puts children at risk by increasing exposure to harmful drugs when their development is most vulnerable. It also increases the likelihood of traffic fatalities and workplace accidents.

Visit www.voteohio.gov to register to vote by October 10th. Early voting begins October 11th – find your early voting location or request an absentee ballot at <u>www.voteohio.gov</u> to protect women, children, and communities in Ohio and Vote NO on Issue 1 and Issue 2.



The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. ATHOLIC www.ohiocathconf.org

The Next Two Weeks...

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Sunday, October 8th

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| Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
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| 8:30am | Holy Mass (People of the Parish) | |
| 9:30am | Family Faith Formation | |
| 9:30am | Catechesis of Good Shepherd | |
| 9:30am | First Communion/Reconciliation Prep | |
| 11:00am | Holy Mass (Raymond Bichimer) | |
| 5:00pm | Holy Mass (Jim Gillilan Jr.) | |
| 6:00pm | High School & Middle School Youth Group | |

Monday, October 9th-Wednesday, October 11th

No Daily Mass or Confessions

Priest Retreat with Bishop Fernandes

Monday, October 9th

Monday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time 6:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Family Faith Formation

Tuesday, October 10th Tuesday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, October 11th

Memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope 7:00pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, October 12th

8:00am Holy Mass 7:00pm ADORE with Sisters of Life (Confession & Adoration) Knights of Columbus 7:30pm

Friday, October 13th

| 8:00am | Holy Mass (Donna Seidel) |
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| 7:00pm | Family Rosary & S'mores Night |

Saturday, October 14th

| 6:30am | That Man Is You! |
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| 8:30am | Holy Mass (Kevin Creedon) |
| 9:00am | Confessions |
| 6:00pm | SPICE Oktoberfest |

| Offering (Sunday, September 24th) | | |
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| Total Offering | \$15,722.74 | |
| Less 8% | \$1,257.82 | |
| Net | \$14,464.93 | |

Offering (Sunday, October 1st) Total Offering \$11,750.50 Less 8% \$940.04 Net \$10,810.46

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Week of October 15th The Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 15th

| Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
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| 8:30am | Holy Mass (Jimmy Corrova) | |
| 9:30am | Family Faith Formation | |
| 9:30am | Confirmation Prep | |
| 9:30am | First Communion/Reconciliation Prep | |
| 11:00am | Holy Mass (James G. Gillilan Jr.) | |
| 12:00pm | Coffee and Donuts | |
| 5:00pm | Holy Mass (People of the Parish) | |
| 6:00pm | High School Youth Group | |

Monday, October 16th

Memorial St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin 8:00am Holy Mass (J. Alex Dunn) 6:30pm Scouts Family Faith Formation 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 17th

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr 7:00pm Holy Mass (Emma Petrosky) 7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, October 18th

| Feast of Saint Luke, evangelist | | |
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| 9:00am | Holy Mass (Kim Myers) | |
| 7:00pm | Choir Practice | |

Thursday, October 19th

Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions, Martyrs 8:00am Holy Mass (Steve Rager) 9:30am Story-time with Jesus 3:15pm Arrows & Virtues Clubs 5:30pm Mass for Life with Bishop Fernandes

Friday, October 20th

Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest 8:00am Holy Mass (Doris Hecker)

Saturday, October 21st

6:30am 8:30am 9:00am

That Man Is You! Holy Mass (Alex & Margaret Dombey) Confessions

Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Confession Times

Sunday-Friday 6:00am-12:00am Saturday 6:00am-4:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Fridays at 3:00pm

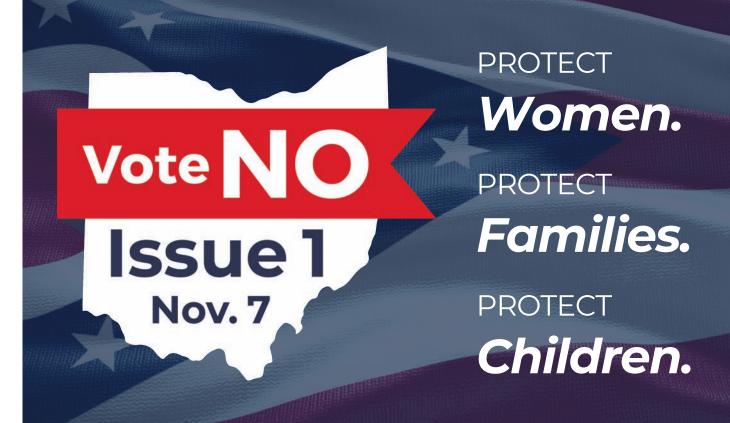
7:00pm Thursday 9:00am Saturday

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7:30pm

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An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents, and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

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