

**Religious Education:**

PSR begins its school year with a Family Mass scheduled for Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all catechists, students, parents and parishioners to this Mass.



Following the Mass, there will be a short orientation meeting for parents in the church. Student pick-up will be different this year, and the new procedure will be discussed. If you have not yet registered for the 2016-2017 school year, you may do so on Tuesday evening before Mass begins. Students will go to the Church Hall to meet their catechists. Our theme for this year is “Let Your Light Shine for Jesus”. We look forward to a year of prayer, learning, and fun in our PSR community.

Registrations are still being accepted. Register today!!

**Catechists Gathered on September 6<sup>th</sup> for Fellowship, Prayer and Planning for PSR 2016-2017**



Catechist and lector, Joddi Savage proclaimed Scripture  
From the Gospel of Matthew  
to focus the group on the theme for the year  
**“Let your light shine for Jesus!”.**

The catechists lifted our PSR students and their families  
in their prayer intentions and  
acknowledged gathering with  
a common heritage, our Catholic faith,  
and committed themselves to a common purpose,  
to teach the Catholic faith.



We pray, as always,  
In the name of the father,  
And of the Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit.  
In the light of faith, Lord Jesus,  
help us to show one another  
how to live faithfully,  
hope joyfully,  
and love courageously.  
Amen.



**Some Tips For Passing Your Faith to Your Children (or Grandchildren)!!**

- ◇ Share your understanding of who God is and why God matters to you—in a way that reflects the real you.
- ◇ Let your kids know that spiritual issues are important in your life all of the time ... not just Sunday morning.
- ◇ Your actions will teach your kids a lot about your faith—probably even more than your words. Let them see you reading Scripture or praying at home.
- ◇ Be on the lookout for opportunities “in everyday life”, where issues arise that beg to be discussed in light of our Christian commitment and faith, such as when someone cuts you off on the highway. This may be a time to discuss the issues of revenge and forgiveness!
- ◇ Take the posture of a “fellow-learner” as opposed to that of a “teacher and student”. Being a “fellow-learner” takes the pressure off as far as trying to send the message that you “know it all” ( and your kids will already know this isn’t true!).
- ◇ Utilize media to launch discussions about God and the Christian life, as it provides many topics to discuss Christian values.
- ◇ Model for them that the Christian life is filled with love, peace and joy so plan intentionally fun times for your family.

**Pro-Life:**

Pro-Life just received word that an abortion center where eight 40 Days for Life vigils have taken place has gone out of business — the Planned Parenthood facility in Appleton, Wisconsin. This latest victory — the 75th abortion center to close following a 40 Days for Life campaign outside its doors — was especially good news for Steve Karlen, our 40 Days for Life North American campaign director, who grew up just five minutes from that Planned Parenthood center in Appleton. At the time, Steve had no idea what God had in store for his life ... but his testimony of overcoming personal struggles will help you consider how to make a life-saving impact during the upcoming 40 Days for Life, which begins on September 28 and runs through November 6.



Please pray for the unborn by participating, with others, in this campaign. Your prayers can make a difference!



**Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection:  
Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

***Saturday, October 8,  
from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm,  
including a light lunch.***

Come join others for prayer, focusing on the life of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the gift she is to us as a role model.

***Sign up sheet is in the front entry area.  
Please R.S.V.P. so we can plan accordingly.  
All are welcome!!***

**Questions?** Please contact our planning team members: Vicki Fink, Mary Vavpetic, Anita Bowers, Elaine Bruening, Nena Bosiljevic, Rick Kawalec, Muriel Martin, and Pat Tamburo, or call the Parish Office for Pattie Batchman.

*"We do not need to carry out grand things in order to show a great love for God and for our neighbor. It is the intensity of love we put into our gestures that makes them into something beautiful for God."*

~Mother Teresa

**To the Parents of Our Young Children, May We Suggest ...**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All ages are welcome!

Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, deacon, servers, ushers, etc. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

**To the Members of Our Church ...**

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.



**RCIA ... the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin the week of Sept. 18th!**

Last year our community was blessed with *four* adults seeking to enter the Catholic Church through St. Patrick Church. Are you interested in strengthening your relationship with God through the Catholic traditions? Do you know someone who is struggling with life now, who would benefit by getting to know our loving God? The RCIA process serves to pass on our Catholic faith traditions and teachings with the help of members of our faith community. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process whereby adults are initiated into full communion with the Catholic Church.



**R.C.I.A. is for:**

- Those who were baptized in other faith traditions, but now feel called to become Catholic.
- Those who have never been baptized or do not belong to a faith tradition, but now feel called to become Catholic.
- Those who were baptized Catholic, but never received Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

On Sundays, following Mass, Brooke & Vic Perlik will be in the entry area to share about the RCIA process. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic please call Pattie Batchman at 440-298-1327 to talk about RCIA and answer any questions.

**St. Mary School Chardon-Parent Education Series presents:**  
**"Healthy Parent = Happy Child"**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY! September 15th, 7pm - St. Mary Banquet Room**

Leave this night with practical techniques you can use to help guide your student and family through a successful school year. Stress reduction, anxiety management, behavior tips and research-based techniques. Co-presented by Family Pride.



**40 Days For Life**

**Kickoff Rally:** Join us at Immaculate Conception Church on September 27 at 7:00 PM to KICKOFF the 2016 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life with prayer and song, and be encouraged and inspired by Fr. Tim Kalista, Fr. Michael Lee, and Pastor Walter Moss. Rally will be held in St. Joseph Hall.

**TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE!** From September 28 to November 6, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city – and beyond.



**Walk With St. Vincent DePaul Society to Help Neighbors in Need, Saturday, September 24:**

Gather the family, lace your sneakers and help stomp out poverty in our community one step at a time by participating in the St. Vincent DePaul Society Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run Saturday, September 24 from 10 AM to noon (FREE registration begins at 9 AM).

This Year's fun-filled event will be held at three regional locations: Concord Woods Park (11211 Spear Road in Concord Township); Jefferson Park (register at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 13400 Lorain Ave. in Cleveland); and Richfield Woods Park (4100 Broadview Road in Richfield). We need your support to make the event a success. Donate or register online: [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org). For more information call 216-



**Catholic Family Day September 25, 2016:**



When Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a ball game for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field on September 25, 2016. Pre-game Mass at 10:15 am in the ball park.

Tickets can be purchased on-line with this link: <http://tinuri.com/guwmvrl> and enter the passcode "catholic". Any additional questions please call 216-420-4162 or e-mail [jplys@indians.com](mailto:jplys@indians.com).

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Calendar for Sept/Oct