



How can I trust that God hears me when I pray?

OUR FOCUS



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CONNECTING POINT REFLECTION

How can I trust that God hears me when I pray?

Habakkuk, in the first reading, is in great anguish crying for the Lord to respond for help. It seems like God is ignoring suffering and violence in this world, but the Lord reminds him to keep the faith. He heard his prayer and it will be fulfilled. The apostles in the Gospel are troubled because they feel they do not have enough faith to serve the Lord and ask Jesus for more.

There may be many times in our lives where we feel like Habakkuk or the apostles. We may feel the Lord is not listening to our cries for help or we feel unprepared for a challenge before us. The Lord reminds us through scripture to hold on to our faith, even if it is as small as a mustard seed. We have many examples in the Bible to help us. People like Moses, Abraham, Joseph, and even the Israelites struggled with faith, who waited years for their prayers to be answered. Jesus himself waited 30 years for his appointed time in ministry. Jesus provides us with a good example in prayer as he prays to his Father before raising Lazarus. He says, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me..." Our Father hears us as well. He knows what we need before we know ourselves. He knows the proper time.



Pope Francis

@Pontifex



When we become "spiritually lukewarm," we become half-Christians, without substance. Instead, the Lord wants conversion, today. #SantaMarta

Posted on September 26

CONNECTING POINT REFLECTION

It is easy to try and place God on our time schedule, but the Lord is not bound by time. God tells Habakkuk that his answer has its own time for fulfillment and when it comes it will not disappoint, wait for it. We live in a world today of instant gratification, instant communications, fast food, on-demand cable, Amazon Prime delivery, DoorDash delivery, Lyft and Uber rides at a push of a phone app, instant concert tickets, instant potatoes (yuck). It is easy to get caught up with this lifestyle and try to place God in the same "instant box." Remain in faith and trust in the Lord, "do not be troubled if you do not immediately receive from God what you ask him; for he desires to do something even greater for you, while you cling to him in prayer."(CCC 2737)

We can trust that God hears us, because Jesus trusted his Father, through his agony in the garden, passion and death. As an obedient servant he was raised to new life conquering the worst degradation this world can deliver.

One of my favorite songs is *Courageous* by Casting Crowns in which they sing, "We were made to be courageous we were made to lead the way we could be the generation that finally breaks the chains We were made to be courageous...." Stay committed to Jesus, pray unceasingly, the Lord gave us all we need. Hang in there servants of God!

Deacon Jeff

PARISH MISSION

SEP 30 | OCT 1 | OCT 2



AUSTIN IN ACTION

AUSTIN SHADOW DATES

Shadowing is the best opportunity for you to experience what it is like to be an Austin Crusader. Prospective 7th and 8th graders and transfer students are invited to spend a day shadowing a current Austin student to witness the Austin Advantage as you spend a day in the life of an Austin Crusader. Shadow Days during the 2019 - 2020 school year are: 9/20, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6

CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY CLOTHES DRIVE

October 3rd

Help Austin collect gently used clothing for St. Vincent de Paul! Students and Staff will be available to pick up your donations on 10/3. Just call to schedule a pick up!

FALL OPEN HOUSE

October 27th – 12pm – 3pm

This is a great way to see the campus, meet some current students, as well as our teachers and staff!

On-line Registration is available at <https://www.austincatholichighschool.org/admissions/open-house/>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN
OCT 6
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
RCIA
10:00 AM // ECR
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE/
SPONSOR EVENT**
2:00 PM // SH
RTL LIFE CHAIN
2:00 PM // PL
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
SITE MEETING
6:30 PM // YR

WED
OCT 9
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
BIBLE STUDY/RAY
9:00 AM // ECR
SCRIPTURE GROUP
9:30 AM // RC
GREEN TEAM MEETING
10:00 AM // FCR
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // SH
JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL
5:30 PM // SH
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM // MR

SAT
OCT 12
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
9:00 AM // RC
CONFESSIONS
3:15 PM // CH
MASS OF ANOINTING
4:30 PM // CH
FLU SHOTS
4:30 PM //

MON
OCT 7
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
ARMCHAIR AEROBICS
8:45 AM // RC
DIVINE MERCY
1:30 PM // RD
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // SH
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
EUCH/RECON PARENT MEETING
6:30 PM // CH
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG.
6:30 PM // ECR
BAPTISM CLASS
7:00 PM // FCR
HEALTH MINISTRY MTG.
7:00 PM // RC

THU
OCT 10
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
CROCHET GROUP
11:00 AM // SH
SVDP MEETING
1:30 PM // ECR
BOY SCOUT MEETING
6:30 PM // SH
GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING
6:30 PM // FCR
K OF C MEMBERSHIP MEETING
6:30 PM // RC
TOASTMASTERS
6:30 PM // CR-9
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM // ECR
TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
7:00 PM // MR

SUN
OCT 13
FLU SHOTS
AFTER ALL MASSES
K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
7:30 AM // RC
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
RCIA
10:00 AM // ECR
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
11:30 AM // SH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
SITE MEETING
6:30 PM // YR

TUE
OCT 8
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
6:00 AM // ECR
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION
AT 6:00PM
8:30 AM // RC
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // SH
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
K OF C 4TH DEGREE
7:00 PM // RC
K OF C LADIES OF THE ASSEMBLY
7:00 PM // FCR

FRI
OCT 11
ADORATION
7:00 AM // CH
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
8:45 AM // SH
K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
9:00 AM // RC
SITE - BLAKE'S ORCHARD
5:00 PM // YR

CALENDAR LOCATION KEY //

A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms,
 CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive
 Conference Room, FCR-Front
 Conference Room FO-Front Office,
 GS-Gathering Space, K-Social Hall
 Kitchen, MA-Maintenance Room,
 MR-Music Room, PL-Parking Lot,
 OS-Off Site, RC-Resource Center,
 REC-Rectory, SH-Social Hall, YR-Youth
 Room

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS // 586-286-1700

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

LUNCH HOUR
12:00 - 1:00 PM (M, W, Th, F)
12:00 - 1:30 PM (T)

SATURDAY
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUNDAY
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

1581
1660



“If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.” CHINESE PROVERB

When you are shopping this week, please keep in mind our neighbors that need help putting food on their table.

Our Pantry needs are:

Shampoo
Laundry Soap
Spaghetti Sauce - Cans & Jars
Progresso Soups
Tuna
Kleenex
Paper Towel
Canned Fruits – any
Crackers – Club or Saltine
Rice-a-Roni
Boxed Potatoes – Mashed, Scalloped
Canned Kidney Beans
\$25 Kroger or Meijer Gift Cards

God bless.

BABY PANTRY



If you refuse to listen to the cry of the poor, your own cry for help will not be heard. PROVERBS 21:13

How can we respond to the depression, hopelessness, anger and fear of the poor?

We really, really need diapers size 4.
Our inventory is critically low.

“Jesus calls us in countless ways to reach out to one another with love and hope.” CHARLOTTE A. RANCILIO

If possible, please donate:

- Size 4 diapers
- A & D ointment
- Stage 3 toddler meat meals

Thank you!

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



Prayer blankets and shawls are available in the office.

We are sincerely happy to announce that St. Isidore parishioners are bringing our blankets and shawls to family members and friends who need comfort and support in their lives.

How can you help this ministry to continue supplying these blankets and shawls?

If you are able to help, join our friendly crochet/knit group on Thursdays at 11:00 at the church in the social hall. Perhaps you would rather make blankets or shawls at home and donate them to our ministry. For more information, please call the church (586-286-1700) during office hours and ask that someone from our group call you.

Thought for today (from an email): “Maybe you went through it and survived just so you could help someone else make it through. God comforts, not to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.”

May God Bless You for your support.
Thank you for your participation in this ministry.
“The Comfort Crafters”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:30 PM

† Robert Bronson
 † Calmeyn + Monserez Families
 † Kathy Latabaille BIRTHDAY
 Rat Bova
 † Robert Pagano BIRTHDAY
 † Leonard Sitek 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
 † Cecelia and Walter Wojciechowski
 † Mary and David Panetta 64TH ANN.

Wife
 Maria Monserez
 Family
 Rick and Jo
 Family
 Wife
 Daughters
 Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 AM

Evelyn Edwards
 † Maria Thuan Hoang
 † Conrad Stefaniak 10TH ANNIVERSARY
 Kathy Karpinski
 † Petrina Boyd

MaryLou and Ron Pratt
 Kelly Doan Family
 Doug + Carolyn Josef
 Family

9:30 AM

† Bill Pullen
 † David Urben
 † Leo Quattro
 † Phillip Hargrove
 Jerri & John Nofs 60TH WEDDING ANN.

Wife, Marge
 Quinn and Liam
 K of C
 K of C
 Family

11:30 AM

† Michael Burtnyk Jr. 10TH ANNIVERSARY
 † Esse + Grace Salamie
 † Obrzut Family
 † Serra Caruso
 † Stanley Pluszczynski
 † Ron Verellen
 † Lloyd Peterson

Family
 Bill + Cheryl Cobert
 Griebe Family
 N and B Vitale
 K of C
 K of C
 K of C

5:30 PM

Pugh and Avaikian Family

Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

M/M Eric Haglund + Family
 † Gary Williams
 Alphonsa Thomas BIRTHDAY

Parent
 Sister, Carole
 Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

† Hilda Williams
 † Joan Seger
 † Anna Kalloor

Daughter
 Altar Society
 Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

† Sharon Fournier

Carole Nikoriuk

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

M/M Matthew Herc + Family
 Lima Lawrence Dolfus

Parent
 Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Mary & Chris Goike 50TH WEDDING ANN.

Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30 PM

† Matilda Zaccagnini BIRTHDAY
 † M. Dutton + Sister Stephanie
 † Eleanor Witek
 † Michael Majchrzak
 Father Francis Faraci 60TH ANNIVERSARY
 † James Polite 4TH ANNIVERSARY
 † Mike Burtnyk Jr.
 † Irene and Frank Wroblewski
 † Shirley Maykowski
 Rita Bova
 Vince Mariana

Jon and Marilyn Henry
 Family
 Family
 Wife, Eleanor
 Cassie and Peter
 Family
 Friend
 Nieces
 Cousins
 Friend
 Carol and Larry Gillin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 AM

† Domenica + Pasquale Spalvieri
 † John Viet Luy
 † Regg Topolewski

Family
 Kelly Doan Family
 Irene Maciag

9:30 AM

† Madeline Fornarola
 † Robert Formento
 † Robert Formento II
 † Gerald and David Hawrys

Barb Morganti
 Family
 Family
 Family

11:30 AM

† Joseph Poma
 † Henry Gubler
 † Joseph Sribniak
 † Ken Scargall
 † Antonina Righi

Wife, Jennie
 Wife
 Mother
 Mom + Dad
 Family

5:30 PM

† Sr. Jain Joseph

Family

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION // OCTOBER

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



NOW IS THE TIME TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

Flu seasons are notoriously unpredictable, but there are already clues that the upcoming season may be especially difficult. Flu season in the Southern Hemisphere can be an indication of what's to come in the Northern Hemisphere, and the recent flu season in Australia, where winter has just ended, arrived early and with a vengeance. A particularly virulent flu strain, H3N2, dominated. What's more, a pediatric flu death has already been reported in the U.S. — a 4 year old in California who had underlying health problems.

"We should never forget that the flu still kills," Dr. Cameron Kaiser, a public health officer for Riverside County, California, said in a news release announcing the death. "A death so early in the flu season suggests this year may be worse than usual," Kaiser warned.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that last year, there were 37 million to 43 million flu illnesses in the U.S., and 36,400 to 61,200 flu-related deaths.

Last year's flu season ran from Oct. 1, 2018, to May 4.

Is it too early to get the flu vaccine? No. Doctors say people should get the flu vaccine now, and certainly before Thanksgiving. "The concern with delaying it is that some people who might have the opportunity to get vaccinated now may not have that opportunity later," said Dr. Robert Atmar, a professor of medicine and an infectious disease expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"The most important thing is for people to get their flu vaccine, and get it before the epidemic starts," he said.

Most healthy people who get the shot in September can expect some protection through the spring. But older adults may want to schedule their vaccination for some time in October.

"There is a concern that some older people may have their immunity wane simply because their immune system is more frail, less robust," Dr. William Schaffner, a professor of preventive medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Flu activity usually picks up in October and November, peaks around February, and can last well into the spring months. The CDC recommends everyone over age 6 months be vaccinated against the flu, especially expectant mothers.

Pregnant women who get the flu tend to have complications similar to those over 65. The shot offers protection for both the woman and her unborn baby. It takes about two weeks to build immunity to influenza after getting the vaccine.

Why should I get the flu vaccine?

There is plenty of evidence that the vaccine can ease the severity of the flu if you do get sick. Doctors say people who get the vaccine generally don't feel as sick if they do wind up with the flu, and they're less likely to develop complications of the virus, including pneumonia and death. "Partial protection frequently gets overlooked, and we shouldn't forget that," Schaffner said. "Because it's those complications that do you in." What's more, research published

last year found the risk for heart attack or stroke increases the month after a person is diagnosed with the flu. The mechanism is likely one of inflammation and stress in the body caused by the virus.

A specific flu shot called Fluzone may be best for older adults. "For people over age 65, there is evidence that the high-dose vaccine will provide greater than a standard dose vaccine," Atmar said.

Fluzone and the standard dose shots available this year include protection against several influenza strains, including H1N1 and H3N2. FluMist, the nasal spray favored by kids and anyone else averse to needles, is also back this year.

SOURCE: BEAUMONT.ORG/HEALTH

The St. Isidore Parish Health Ministry in partnership with Dave Rizzi, R.Ph., from CVS Pharmacy, will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic on a first come, first serve basis, in the Gathering Space on Saturday, October 12, after 4:30 mass and Sunday, October 13 after 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 masses. The Senior High Dose flu shot will also be available. Most major insurances are accepted.

Blessings,
Heather

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SUCCESSFUL E-WASTE EVENT!

The parishioners of St. Isidore are definitely green! The response to the Electronic Waste Event was incredible. The number of items properly disposed showed the mindfulness of our community to be good stewards of this earth. (We filled a 15 foot U-HAUL, top to bottom! That's 764 cubic feet!)

God created this planet for all generations to appreciate and enjoy. As Pope Francis recently stated: "Care For Creation is the #1 Life Issue." Each generation is responsible for ensuring they leave it in better condition than they found it. It's an ongoing, huge battle. But responding as you did to events like this sets an example and makes a difference for those yet to come.

A special thank you to our Teen Volunteers: Maddie, Christopher, Nicholas and Anthony.

MEN'S CAPUCHIN RETREAT

The weekend of September 13th was the annual St. Isidore's Men's Retreat held at the Capuchin Retreat house in Washington Twp. The group of 13 men were able to participate in the sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Healing as well as attend several short conferences on this year's theme of "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sam. 3:10). The weather was also perfect for enjoying the 95 acres of wooded paths throughout the campus.

Please mark your calendars for 2020 with the tentative dates of September 11, 12, and 13. Further updates will be announced as the time draws nearer. If you have any questions about this wonderful faith based opportunity contact retreat captains, Vince Mariani (586-677-2607) or Dave Bisdorf (586-202-7000).



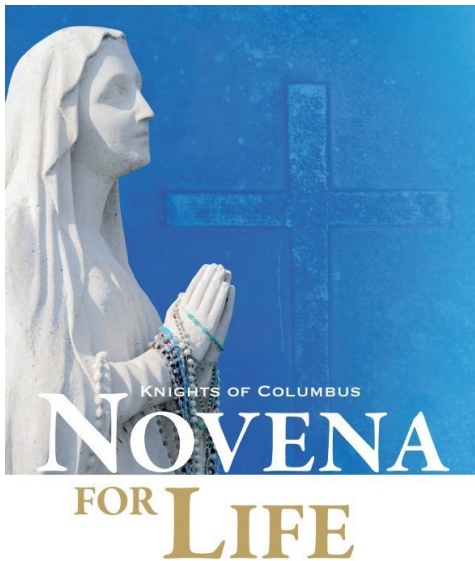
WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Sunday, October 6 // 2:00 PM

LIFE CHAIN

Across the U.S. and in Canada, hundreds of thousands of participants silently stand, in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the pre-born and their mothers, by holding pre-printed signs that state: Adoption: The Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Abortion Kills Children, and Life: The First Inalienable Right. Come join us on the sidewalks of St. Isidore Church and support life!



October 5-13

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Join the Knights of Columbus in Prayer for life for nine days.

Contact Mark Kovasity for more info:
gk7200@mikofc.org



Saturday, October 12 // 12:00 PM

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Come and join in a public rosary event held in our beautiful outdoor prayer garden at noon. Together we will pray for God's mercy and love through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. Join us in prayer and thanksgiving.

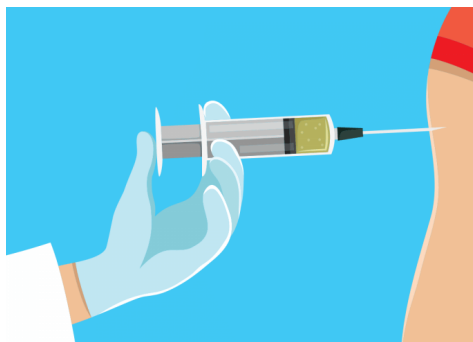


Saturday, October 12 // 4:30PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place at 4:30 PM.

Anointing of the Sick provides courage, strength and peace in the face of illness. This Sacrament also gives the sick person grace to unite his or her suffering to the passion of Christ.



October 12-13 // After Masses

FLU SHOT CLINIC

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Thursday, October 24 // 9:00 AM

ALTAR SOCIETY DAY OF REFLECTION

All are welcome for this Day of Reflection! The St. Isidore Altar Society is sponsoring a Day of Reflection, offered at the Capuchin Retreat house in Washington, MI. The retreat runs from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm – Registration at 8:45 am.

Donation of \$25 (includes Lunch) can be dropped off at the church office

Deadline to sign up is Thursday, October 17. Contact Joanne Chalut for additional information: (586) 690-8735

RUN THE PLANK

The 2019 Run the Plank: 3 Miles of Faith 5K Run/Walk Committee is pleased to announce that we have distributed a total of \$32,500 to 5 local charities as a result of our event held earlier this year in June. Representatives from each of the 5 charities received a check in the amount of \$6,500 to be applied towards their individual mission to assist with the people they serve. The 5 selected charities this year were as follows:

- Benefits4Kids
- CARE of SE Michigan
- Junior Leadership Macomb
- Macomb Charitable Foundation
- Trinity Community Care

We also want to thank all of the parishioners of St Isidore who played a role in making this another successful event. That includes all of the race participants, sponsors, volunteers, parish staff and committee members who gave of their time, talent and prayers to help others in need within our Macomb County community.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27, 2020 for our 9th annual event. We hope to have a bigger and better event and look forward to seeing all of you there.

Run the Plank: 3 Miles of Faith 5K Run/Walk Committee

PS – If you have an interest in joining the Run the Plank Committee, please reach out to Mike Fontana at 248-224-5583



S.I.T.E YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 9-12 & their friends are invited!
Contact Beth Beebe at (586)286-1700 ext. 2116
or beth@stisidore.church



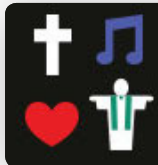
BLAKES HAUNTED BIG APPLE

Friday, October 11 // 5:00 PM
Meet in the youth room at 5pm • Return at 9pm
\$17 per person • Permission Slips available in the Gathering Space



RIVER CRUISE / MASS

Saturday, October 19 // 5:45 PM
Mass, chicken dinner, DJ and Halloween Costume Contest // \$35. Meet at Clinton River Cruises at 5:45pm - boat returns at 10:00pm



COME ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Sunday, October 20 // 5:00 PM
Contemporary music, Adoration and guest speaker. Meet in the youth room at 5:00 PM - Return at 9:00 PM

MORE EVENTS



CALLED TO SERVE

Thursday, October 17



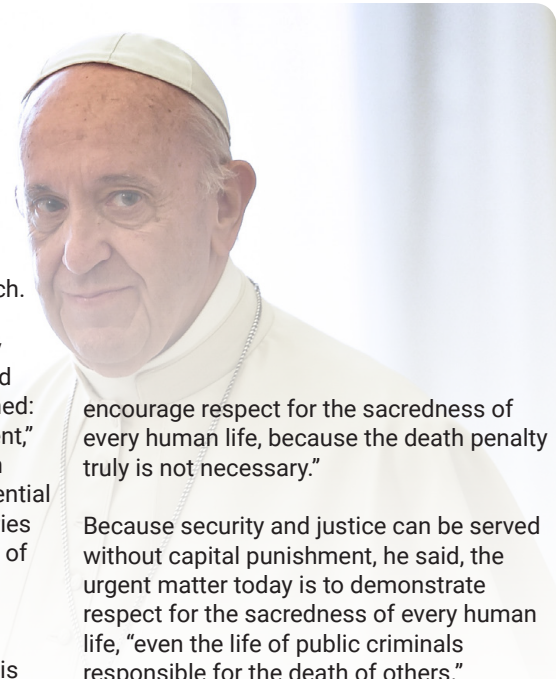
RAINBOW REGISTRATION

Coming soon!

MEETINGS

Sunday, Oct. 6
Sunday, Oct. 13
Sunday, Oct. 27

October is respect life month. In this article, Pope Francis reminds us that respecting life goes beyond just abortion.



Pope Francis' recent statement that the death penalty is incompatible with the Gospel focused less on a government's role in protecting its people and more on the need to defend the sacredness and dignity of every human life.

At least from the time of Blessed Paul VI in the 1960s, the Catholic Church has been increasingly critical of the use of capital punishment, even while acknowledging centuries of church teaching that a state has a right to punish offenders, including with the death penalty.

St. John Paul II, in his 1995 encyclical letter, "The Gospel of Life," wrote of his alarm at "the extraordinary increase and gravity of threats to the life of individuals and peoples," but said one sign of hope was the increasing opposition around the world to capital punishment.

"There is evidence of a growing public opposition to the death penalty, even when such a penalty is seen as a kind of 'legitimate defense' on the part of society. Modern society, in fact, has the means of effectively suppressing crime by rendering criminals harmless without definitively denying them the chance to reform," he wrote.

Two years later, Pope John Paul had the Catechism of the Catholic Church revised to strengthen its anti-death penalty posture. The text now says that, "given the means at the state's disposal to effectively repress crime by rendering inoffensive the one who has committed it, without depriving him definitively of the possibility of redeeming himself, cases of absolute necessity for suppression of the offender 'today ... are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.'" Opponents of the death penalty cheered St. John Paul's move, and theologians recognized it as a "development" of church teaching.

Death penalty opponents also welcomed Pope Francis' even stronger position against capital punishment, but his words set off a debate between those who saw his position as a further development of church teaching and those who saw it as a "change"

that contradicted both the Bible and the traditional position of the Catholic Church.

Edward Feser, a professor of philosophy at California's Pasadena City College and author of "By Man Shall His Blood Be Shed: A Catholic Defense of Capital Punishment," told Catholic News Service that St. John Paul's teaching was "a nonbinding prudential judgment," which was in line with centuries of church teaching recognizing the right of states to impose the death penalty.

And, writing in Britain's Catholic Herald Oct. 15, Feser said that if Pope Francis "is saying that capital punishment is always and intrinsically immoral, then he would be effectively saying -- whether consciously or unconsciously -- that previous popes, fathers and doctors of the church, and even divinely inspired Scripture are in error."

But Jesuit Father Jan Dacok, a professor of moral theology and theologian at the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court, said the church always insisted there were limits to the conditions under which a state could legitimately impose the death penalty. St. John Paul, he said, emphasized those limits to the point of saying that now that it is easier to keep a murderer in jail for life, the necessary conditions for legitimacy are "practically nonexistent."

Pope Francis took a further step forward, Father Dacok said. The pope "did not change church teaching, but places it on a higher level and points out the path toward its perfection."

"What is accomplished with the death penalty?" the Slovakian Jesuit asked. "Do you obtain the true repentance of criminals? Do you offer them the possibility of correcting their ways, of asking for forgiveness?" "No," he said. "With the execution, the death, you irreversibly cancel the entire dynamic of hope" for repentance, conversion and at least some attempt at reparation.

"Obviously, Pope Francis cannot change the laws of individual countries, because that's the competence of legislators," Father Dacok said. "But he can continually

encourage respect for the sacredness of every human life, because the death penalty truly is not necessary."

Because security and justice can be served without capital punishment, he said, the urgent matter today is to demonstrate respect for the sacredness of every human life, "even the life of public criminals responsible for the death of others."

Father Robert A. Gahl Jr., a priest of Opus Dei and a professor of ethics at Rome's Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, said Pope Francis "continues the recent development of doctrine regarding the centrality of mercy for the Christian faith and the urgency to promote a culture of life in today's throwaway culture," where abortion and euthanasia are widely accepted.

"Pope Francis wants the church to offer a radical example of the defense of all human life," Father Gahl said. And "without condemning all past practices, he vigorously demands the elimination of the death penalty."

The priest noted the church's historic concern for the impact of the death penalty not just on the criminal, but also on judges and executioners.

In fact, the 1917 Code of Canon Law, which was in effect until 1983, listed as those generally barred from priestly ordination "a judge who passed a sentence of death" and "those who take up the task of (execution) and their immediate and voluntary assistants in the execution of a capital sentence."

On the question of whether Pope Francis' statement marks a "development" or a "change," Father Gahl said the pope probably intended to "shake up theologians and to force us to reconsider traditional formulations of permanent teaching in light of this new and authoritative development of mercy and human dignity."

Wooden, Cindy . "Catholic News Service." For New Year, Pope Urges Help for Refugees, Respect for Life, 1 Jan. 2018, <https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2018/for-new-year-pope-urges-help-for-refugees-respect-for-life.cfm>.

READINGS



SUNDAY

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4;
PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14;
LK 17:5-10

MONDAY

JON 1:1–2:1-2, 11;
JON 2:3, 4, 5, 8;
LK 10:25-37

TUESDAY

JON 3:1-10;
PS 130:1B-2, 3-4AB, 7-8;
LK 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

JON 4:1-11;
PS 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10;
LK 11:1-4

THURSDAY

MAL 3:13-20B;
PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6;
LK 11:5-13

FRIDAY

JL 1:13-15; 2:1-2;
PS 9:2-3, 6 AND 16, 8-9;
LK 11:15-26

SATURDAY

JL 4:12-21;
PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
LK 11:27-28

SUNDAY

2 KGS 5:14-17;
PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4;
2 TM 2:8-13;
LK 17:11-19

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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Joseph Klingkammer
Don Kush
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REST IN PEACE

DAVID WHEELER

Entered eternal life on September 17

RONALD SLOAN

Entered eternal life on September 25

ANDY NICOSIA

Entered eternal life on September 26

JOSEPH ZELASKO

Entered eternal life on September 29

BAPTISMS SEPTEMBER 28/29

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STEWARDSHIP

Budget update as of: **September 29, 2019**
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23
Actual Amount Received: \$ 20,169.03
Comparison to budget: **(\$4,350.20)**

Fiscal Year to Date: **July 1, 2019 to September 29, 2019**
Budgeted Amount: \$ 343,269.22
Amount Received: \$ 301,450.06
Comparison to Budget Target: **(\$41,819.16)**

This week:
Envelopes Returned: 610
Online Gifts: 108
Registered Households: 3263
Percentage of people making contributions: 22%

CSA as of September 29, 2019

CSA 2019 Goal \$ 192,588.00
CSA 2019 Pledges \$ 255,145.80
CSA 2019 Payment on pledges \$ 190,207.80
Monies returned to the parish* \$ 62,557.80

**If pledges are paid in full, this money will be returned to the parish in full. As a reminder, monies received through CSA are not assessed by the Archdiocese (7%) nor are they part of future CSA calculations (14.5%).*

CSA MINUTE

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

October's Theology on Tap will feature special guest Archbishop Allen Vigneron, who will give a personal witness of his faith journey, at Camp Ticonderoga in Troy from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8.

Gifts to the CSA help fund these fellowship evenings, which allow young adults in our Archdiocese to reflect on their faith in a relaxed setting. Each Theology on Tap gathering features a speaker on topics relating to religion and theology. Archbishop Vigneron will share how he discerned the call to his priesthood as well as the joys and struggles he has experienced in his vocation. He will also explore how we can best follow God's will in our lives.

Due to the anticipated demand for next week's Theology on Tap, attendees must reserve a free ticket on Eventbrite. See aod.social/theology-on-tap for more information.

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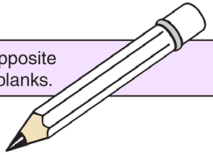
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What did Jesus tell us we should say when we have done everything we were told to do?

Write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then fill in the blanks.



old 9 3 16 11 22
 poor 4 25 20 24 2 15 18
 brave 12 5 17 1 8 10
 peaceful 21 6 23 14 19 7 13



" 4 8 17 1 25



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What did Jesus say in return?

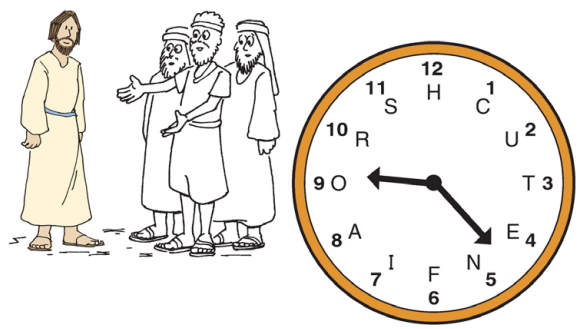
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Faith and Duty

The apostles said to the Lord ...

Use the clock code to fill in the blanks.



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Then Jesus said, "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep."



Fill in the missing vowels to read the rest of the story.
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 wh__n h__ c__m__s __n fr__m th__
 f__ld, 'C__m__ __l__ng n__w __nd s__t
 d__wn t__ __t'? W__n't h__ r__th__r s__y,
 'Pr__p__r__ my s__pp__r, g__t y__rs__lf
 r__dy __nd w__t __n m__ wh__l__
 __t __nd dr__nk; __ft__r th__t y__
 m__y __t __nd dr__nk'? W__ll h__
 th__nk th__ s__rv__nt b__c__s__ h__
 d__d wh__t h__ w__s t__ld t__d__?"