



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
Newsletter
September 6, 2020

My Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend in a safe and socially distant manner, I thought that it was a good opportunity to review what we Catholics believe about “work.” The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that one of God’s first commandments to us was to “work:” *God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.* Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth (Gen 1:28).* The Conference then summarizes Catholic Social Teaching on work rather succinctly: *The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.*

Pope Francis teaches us that “work” fulfills us: *Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others.....We were created with a vocation to work. (Laudato Si).*

And by working we are cooperating with God’s “work” of creation: *Through work man must earn his daily bread¹ and contribute to the continual advance of science and technology and, above all, to elevating unceasingly the cultural and moral level of the society within which he lives in community with those who belong to the same family. And work means any activity by man, whether manual or intellectual, whatever its nature or circumstances; it means any human activity that can and must be recognized as work, in the midst of all the many activities of which man is capable and to which he is predisposed by his very nature, by virtue of humanity itself. Man is made to be in the visible universe an image and likeness of God himself², and he is placed in it in order to subdue the earth (St. John Paul II, Laborem Exercens).*



But more than that, St. John Paul II reminds us that our work contributes to the even more important “work” of Redemption, our Redemption and the Redemption of the world: *Sweat and toil, which work necessarily involves the present condition of the human race (because of Original Sin), present the Christian and everyone who is called to follow Christ with the possibility of sharing lovingly in the work that Christ came to do. This work of salvation came about through suffering and death on a Cross. By enduring the toil of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man in a way collaborates with the Son of God for the redemption of humanity. He shows himself a true disciple of Christ by carrying the cross in his turn every day in the activity that he is called upon to perform.....The Christian finds in human work a small part of the Cross of Christ and accepts it in the same spirit of redemption in which Christ accepted his Cross for us. In work, thanks to the light that penetrates us from the Resurrection of Christ, we always find a glimmer of new life, of the new good, as if it were an announcement of "the new heavens and the new earth" in which man and the world participate precisely through the toil that goes with work. Through toil-and never without it. On the one hand this confirms the indispensability of the Cross in the spirituality of human work; on the other hand the Cross which this toil constitutes reveals a new good springing from work itself, from work understood in depth and in all its aspects and never apart from work (Laborem Exercens).*

Tying this all together, we as Catholics believe that by working we are cooperating with God’s plan for our Creation and Redemption and the Creation and Redemptioin of the world. Think of that the next time you “punch in” or “sign on.”

On behalf of our Deacons and staff, I wish you and your families a very happy and well deserved Labor Day Weekend.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

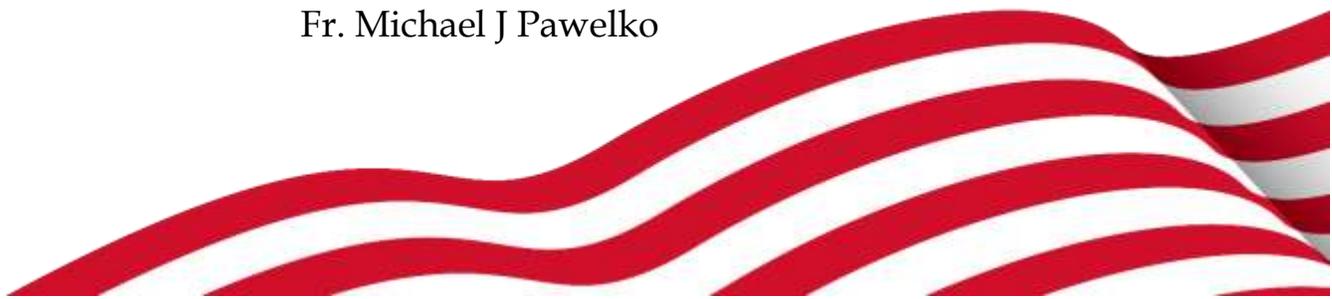
Fr. Michael J. Pawelko



I am very touched by the number of people who sent in stamps for the Christmas Bazaar Parish Raffle mailing. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity!

I would also like to thank all of those who have been volunteering, by their own initiative, to help spruce up and maintain the grounds. Thank you for stepping up!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko





UNITED WE STAND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH IS PATRIOT'S DAY

Let us remember that horrible day with prayers of hope and healing, such as this:

Dear Loving Father,

We pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11th. We lift up those who are still affected -- Families of the victims, police officers, firemen, first responders and all who were involved. We pray for the light of Jesus Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe You desire to redeem all your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of our darkest days. Surround us with your mighty angels and saints of protection, give us compassion for one another in all life's circumstances, and the courage to answer Your call now and forever.

Amen.



Sunday Mass Readings

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: [Ezekiel 33:7-9 \(127A\)](#)

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 95](#)

R. (8) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

► Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**

► Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**

► Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”

Reading 2: [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor

as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Alleluia: [2 Corinthians 5:19](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

► God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”



Labor Day

Monday • September 7, 2020

Mass at 9:00 AM



ADORATION OF OUR LORD



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Wednesday, September 9th. Adoration takes place each Wednesday in the Church beginning at 8:00 AM.

In Observance of



Our Office will be Closed
Monday ~ September 7, 2020

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A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST INTO CONVERSION

JOIN US FOR A NEW VIDEO SERIES

This 10-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University and founder of The Ministry of the Wild Goose, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Join us for the most important journey of our lives, a journey of grace, hope, repentance, and transformation.

- Join us Sunday evenings starting September 20 in the OLSH cafeteria from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for 10 consecutive Sundays
- This is an adult faith formation program (18 & older).
- To register - please email your interest to deaconhoyer@outlook.com
- Facilitators - Deacon Gregg Hoyer and Doreen Hoyer
- We are limiting the participants to 14
- We will follow safety imperatives to keep appropriate social distancing and all will wear masks
- It is important that all registrants commit to the program by attending and participating
- This is for anyone in any stage of their faith journey
- This is not a "class" or study, there are no requirements other than having an open heart
- The format is watching a video, discussion, and the reflection/prayer



FEATURING FR. DAVE
PIVONKA, TOR
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For more information on the series and the ministry visit:
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"We're All IN This Together"

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, October 5th
2:00 – 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Gymnasium

To Schedule an Appointment: redcross.org
and type Sponsor Code = sacred heart

OLSH Blood Drive Coordinators:

Sandy Lyle: slyle@comcast.net

Judi Gerhart: jagstar54@yahoo.com

** For a limited time, the American Red Cross will test ALL blood, platelets, and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service for our donors. **