

ST. MARY CHURCH
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OCTOBER 16, 2022

STEWARDSHIP
OF MINISTRY

“IF WE WISH TO SERVE GOD AND LOVE
OUR NEIGHBOR WELL, WE MUST MANIFEST
OUR JOY IN THE SERVICE WE RENDER TO HIM
AND THEM. LET US OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS.
IT IS JOY WHICH INVITES US. PRESS FORWARD
AND FEAR NOTHING.”

– KATHARINE DREXEL



Worship Aid for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;



you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
 you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
 you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
 you are the Word who calls us to be one;



you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
 you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
 you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
 you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
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 glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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Penitential Rite

Option A

I confess to almighty God
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and
 in what I have failed to do,

And striking their breast, they say:
 through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask
 blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior

Option B

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
 For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
 And grant us your salvation.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.
 Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace
 to people of good will.

We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks
 for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,
 Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of
 the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ex 17:8-13

First Reading

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur.

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response



Our help is from the Lord, who made heav-en and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?	your shade; he is beside you at your right hand.
My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <i>R.</i>	The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. <i>R.</i>

May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel. <i>R.</i>	The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The LORD will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever. <i>R.</i>
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The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is

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Second Reading

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'"

The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

**All make a profound bow:
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

You Are All We Have

Refrain



Verses

1. Protect me, Lord; I come to you for safety.
I say, "You are my God."
All good things, Lord, all good things
that I have come from you,
the God of my salvation.
2. How wonderful are your gifts to me,
how good they are!
I praise the Lord who guides me
and teaches me the way of truth and life.
3. You are near, the God I seek.
Nothing can take me from your side.
All my days I rest secure;
you will show me the path that leads to life.

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Prayer for Vocations



Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

Shepherd of Souls



1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless
2. We would not live by bread a - lone,
3. Be known to us in break - ing bread,
4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine;



Your cho - sen pil - grim flock With man - na in the
But by your word of grace, In strength of which we
But do not then de - part; Sav - ior, a - bide with
Your Bod - y and your Blood, That liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on To our a - bid - ing place.
us, and spread Your ta - ble in our heart.
heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Tune: ST. AGNES, CM; John B. Dykes, 1823-1876; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

Recessional Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We should rest upon God's word;
And our lives would be thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

3. Troubled souls, why will you scatter
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
From a love so true and deep?
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior,
There is healing in his blood.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863,
alt.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM.

St. Mary (Hyde Park): 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday.

Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

St. Cecilia (Oakley)

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Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038

For a complete listing of ministries and staff, visit eastsidefaith.org.

Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch
 5:30 PM Teachers and staff of St. Mary by St Mary Families (Lisa Comello)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 Saint Luke the Evangelist
 5:30 PM Kent Covey by Bob & Dianne Donlan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 Sts. John de Brebeuf, Issac Jogues and Companions
 5:30 PM Nancy Stagnaro by Greg & Katie Dorr

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 Saint Paul of the Cross
 5:30 PM Louis Krekel by The Roy Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
 5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 Saint John Paul II
 4 PM Rosemary Bruschi by Tom & Rosemary Busco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Nancy Stagnaro by Greg & Katie Dorr
 10:30 AM Alex Siegel by Carol & David Glaser

Mass Intentions. If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.



Wedding Banns

III Greene & Schneider

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Stewardship of Ministry

October 16, 2022

This week we will be speaking about the Stewardship of Ministry. As lay people it is important that you take on a role of stewardship in your parish. Whether it's distributing Communion, serving Mass, teaching religious education, helping in worship or finance commissions, or doing a work of charity, you are all an important part of the ministries of our church. Please take stock in a gift or interest you might have and share it with your church family. If you don't know where you might fit, please feel free to ask myself or one of our other priests or staff members.

We have so many wonderful opportunities. If you have the desire to serve God in a public ministry, please join us in one of our many ministries! One such opportunity is bereavement ministry which offers support and help in times of the greatest need in the death of a loved one. Many details need to be handled during this time of suffering and grief, and it's a consolation to have help planning the funeral liturgy. This is a privilege for us to serve those in need. The bereavement ministers work closely with the grieving family in choosing hymns, readings, and petitions for the funeral Mass. We will also have a bereavement member present at the funeral Mass to assist the priest and family.

For liturgy planning for a funeral at St. Mary, please contact Katie Barton at kbarton@smshp.com. Our new head of our bereavement ministry at St. Cecilia is parishioner Peggy Lane. To contact her please email lanepeg53@yahoo.com.

Please prayerfully considering volunteering your time and talents to the Church. You will be immensely rewarded.

Amen? Amen.

Fr. Jessie

The All Saints Parade

In honor of all the saints, known and unknown, we will host the annual ALL SAINTS PARADE on **Sunday, October 30** at the opening procession of the **10 AM Mass at St. Cecilia** and the **10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary**. During this special procession, our priests will lead our "saintly" costumed children in a procession into the church at the beginning of Mass. All children who wish to participate should meet in the back of the church already dressed no later than 15 minutes before Mass. Please join us in the celebration!





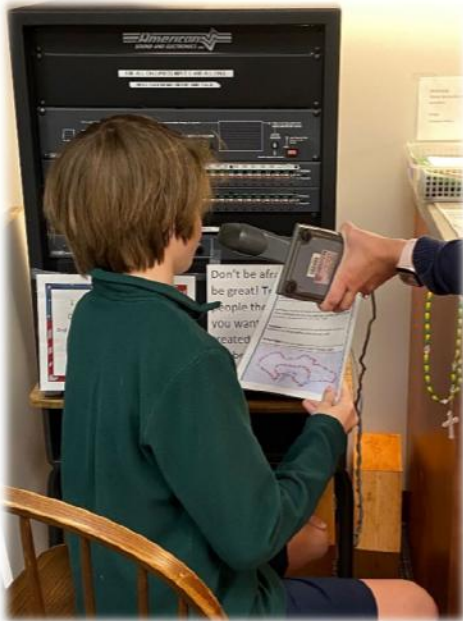
From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Perseverance. A young boy started school, and the principal told the parents to pull him because he lacked the smarts. A young man was told not to continue art school because he lacked imagination. An aspiring actor was told by a director, "You can't act. You can't sing. You can dance a little." Did these three quit? No. The first was Albert Einstein. The second was Walt Disney. The third was Fred Astaire. What would have happened if these three didn't persevere? How would we react? Do we persevere in our faith, or do we give up?

Fr. Ken Schopf

From the School Office

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. **Each morning in October, an 8th grader leads the student body in a decade of the rosary over the PA system.** Our daily morning and afternoon prayer ritual reminds us to live our lives as Jesus would want us to - and to be the best versions of ourselves!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has begun in our specially prepared classroom, The Atrium. The children learn that the Bible is the word of God and hear stories in the Bible that help them to know and be closer to Jesus. Last Sunday, the class had a procession, and each child carried an item to place in the prayer corner for their Bible enthronement.



The child carefully carries and places the Bible in the beautifully prepared space for prayer.

EPIC

Extraordinary Parishioners Involved in Community
A fellowship group for our 65+ parishioners

The EPIC group has enjoyed several events this Fall. Mark your calendars for events that finish out 2022!

- November 17 / 10:30 am -1:00 pm in Robisch Hall / A prayerful presentation through Art on the Blessed Mother by artist, Holly Schapker.
- December 14 / EPIC Christmas Party

Look for more details soon!



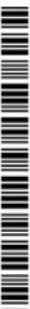
Hurricane Ian Aid Collection

This Weekend, October 15 & 16, there will be a second collection at all masses for the victims of Hurricane Ian. Proceeds from this collection will be sent to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Finance Office; who will coordinate with Catholic Charities USA for distribution to those in need.

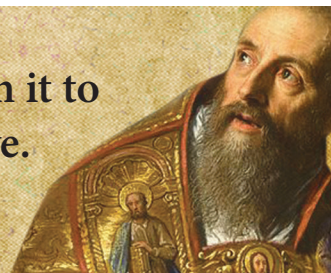
St Vincent de Paul

Food Collection - This Weekend - October 15 & 16

Please bring any non-perishable or baby items to the back of the church. The SVDP Food Collection serves Mercy Neighborhood Ministries & Mother of Christ Church. Monetary contributions to support the good work of SVDP can be made at: smchp.weshareonline.org.
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“Let the Creed be like a mirror for you. Look at yourself in it to see whether you really believe all that you claim to believe. And rejoice every day in your faith.” – *St. Augustine*



CATECHESIS (kat'i-ke'sis) n.

What is purgatory?

Purgatory, often imagined as a place, is actually a condition. Someone who dies in God's grace (and therefore at peace with God and men) but who still needs purification before he can see God face to face is in purgatory. [1030-1031]

When Peter had betrayed Jesus, the Lord turned around and looked at Peter: “And Peter went out and wept bitterly” – a feeling *like being in purgatory*. Just such a purgatory probably awaits most of us at the moment of our death: the Lord looks at us full of love – and we experience burning shame and painful remorse over our wicked or “merely” unloving behavior. Only after this purifying pain will we be capable of meeting his loving gaze in untroubled heavenly joy. (YOUCAT question 159)

Can we help the departed who are in the condition of purgatory?

Yes, since all those who are baptized into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. [1032, 1414]

When a man is dead, he can do nothing more for himself. The time of active probation is past. But we can do something for the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the after-life. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed. (YOUCAT question 160)

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Marriage Annulments

The Catholic Church dedicates much time and effort to prepare couples for marriage. However, despite the couples' best efforts, a marriage union sometimes unfortunately fails to reach fulfillment for both parties and may end in a civil divorce. The Catholic Church has mechanisms and processes in place to assist people in these situations, especially if they anticipate another marriage.

If you find yourself in this circumstance, we would like to help. To learn more about how to get assistance, please contact Joe Fondacaro in our pastoral region at 513.871.5757, ext. 222, or at jfondacaro@eastsideregion.org. All inquiries are kept in strict confidence.

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Bonaventure (1221 - 1274)



Bonaventure, Franciscan, theologian, doctor of the Church, was both learned and holy. Because of the spirit that filled him and his writings, he was at first called the Devout Doctor; but in more recent centuries he has been known as the Seraphic Doctor after the “Seraphic Father” Francis because of the truly Franciscan spirit he possessed.

Born in Bagnoregio, a town in central Italy, he was cured of a serious illness as a boy through the prayers of Francis of Assisi. Later, he studied the liberal arts in Paris. Inspired by Francis and the example of the friars, especially of his master in theology, Alexander of Hales, he entered the Franciscan Order, and became in turn a teacher of theology in the university. Chosen as minister general of the Order in 1257, he was God's instrument in bringing it back to a deeper love of the way of St. Francis, both through the life of Francis, which he wrote at the behest of the brothers and through other works which defended the Order or explained its ideals and way of life.

Mass Intentions

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The Rosary

Men who have or wish to develop a devotion to the Blessed Virgin through the rosary are welcome to join us the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM to pray the rosary on the steps in front of Saint Cecilia Church. Join them next on Saturday, November 5, to offer prayers to our Mother Mary.



Sacristy Day at Mount St. Mary's

Sacristy Day is intended to provide training and information on both the spirituality and duties of the sacristan as well as provide an opportunity to meet other sacristans. The duties of a sacristan are varied. This first Sacristan Day will include the names, purpose and caring for the linens, vessels and vestments.

Check-in and material pick-up will be from 8:30-9 a.m., **Saturday, October 29**, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. The day will include a presentation about the Spirituality of the Sacristy, a review of the main vessels and items needed for Mass, vestments and linens and will cover the use and care of these items. Additionally there will be a tour of the sacristies and chapels. In addition to lunch in the refectory, the day will include drinks in the morning and a mid-afternoon snack. Mass will be celebrated prior to lunch for the conference. The cost is \$55. Visit athenaeum.edu/october-29-sacristy-day/#october-29-sacristy-day to register.

40s Plus Fun Bunch Soup Supper

Join the 40s Plus Fun Bunch for a soup supper and social on Sunday, **November 6**, at 4 PM in the St. Cecilia School Commons. Get out your favorite recipes and bring either some soup or bread to share! Drinks will be provided. More details to follow!



Save the Date!

We will be celebrating our beloved, long-time St. Cecilia parishioner and parish secretary, Barb Browarsky, on her retirement from St. Cecilia and to celebrate her 75 birthday as well on the feast of St. Cecilia. Please join us on Sunday, **November 13**, after the 10 AM Mass as we celebrate all that Barb has given to the parish.

18th Annual Caregivers Mass at the Cathedral Basilica

Catholic Charities, the Order of Malta and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains are accepting nominations for this year's Caregiver Mass to be held on **November 20, at 11:00 a.m.** Anyone can nominate an outstanding caregiver. The nominee may be someone who provides care in-home to a loved one, works at a healthcare facility, or volunteers at a healthcare facility. Nominations are due by October 14 and can be submitted via the online form at: <https://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/caregiver-mass> or by calling the Cathedral at 513.421.5354.

Food for All

Nutritious, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located. If you are interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area, call April Hoak at 513.672.3720 or email ahoak@ccswoh.org.

Fair Trade Sale

The annual Fair Trade Sale in Dayton will take place on Saturday, **November 19**. They are looking to widen the volunteer network of individuals and parish groups. If you're interested or want to learn more, contact Sara at sseligmann@catholicaoc.org.



The Serenelli Project is a 501(c)3 Catholic monastery village, focused on ministering to the formerly incarcerated. This is not a Catholic halfway house. The difference? No one has to leave this community. The Serenelli Project welcomes anyone who wants to make atonement for sin and find or give forgiveness in a communal life of prayer, work, service and recovery. The Serenelli Project has purchased their first hermitage in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is actively seeking volunteers to help in a variety of ways. **For more information visit: www.serenelliproject.org.**



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Timothy 4:2. *Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient.*

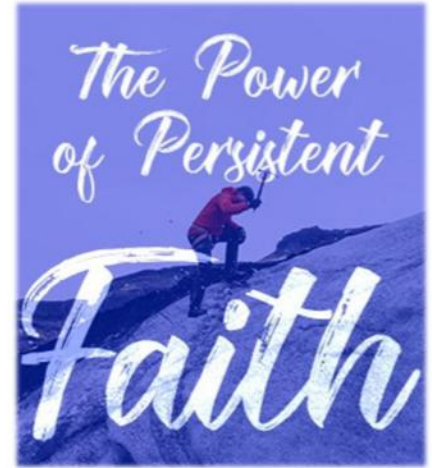
Today's second reading and the gospel both call us to be persistent. Timothy tells us to "be persistent" even when it's inconvenient. In the gospel's parable we see that a woman's persistence pays off when a judge finally rules in her favor after her repeated appeals. And while the judge may be dishonest, the woman's belief in the justice system apparently never wavers.

While both passages ostensibly are about persistence, they are actually about the faith that underlies that persistence. Timothy also charges us to "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed." It is impossible to be persistent without faith in the process. Whether it is a marriage, a career, or our relationship with God, it is a belief that the juice is worth the squeeze that keeps us hanging in, even when it is inconvenient. That belief — that faith — gives hope in an otherwise hopeless situation. And it is what fuels our persistence.

May we always be faithful and persistent followers of Christ. ~*Jack Greiner*

Jack Greiner, an attorney, is long-time St. Mary parishioner. His wife Kathy teaches at St. Mary School and his four children attended there. Jack and Kathy have two beautiful granddaughters and two grandsons.



The Word in Your Heart is a faith-sharing ministry open to all Eastside Family parishioners. New contributors warmly welcomed. If you would like to write a reflection on the Sunday scriptures, please contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com.



YOUR OFFERINGS *Thank you*

Weekly Giving	Sunday 10/2/2022	Monthly Giving thru September	(3 months)
Weekend Collection:	\$5,000	Sunday Giving:	\$ 231,372.00
WeShare Online:	\$6,480	FYTD Budget:	\$ 253,500.00
Mailed:	\$12,968		
Total Sunday Giving:	\$24,448	Over (Under) FYTD Budget:	\$ (22,128.00)
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