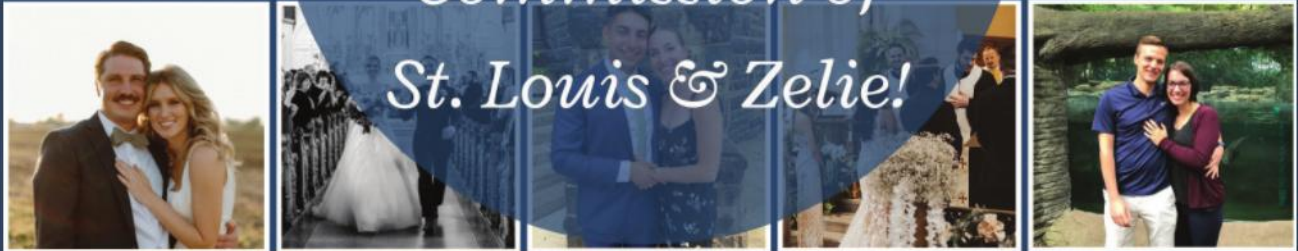


ST. MARY CHURCH HYDE PARK OCTOBER 1, 2023



*Celebrating the
Commission of
St. Louis & Zelie!*



Worship Aid for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

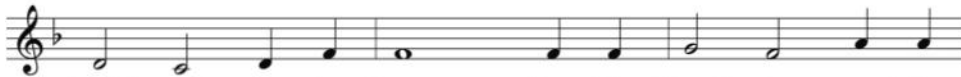
Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Entrance Hymn

As a Fire is Meant for Burning



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



bright and warm - ing flame, So the Church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. As we
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay. By our
one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued. As a



wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

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Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. by Marty Haugen, b.1950

Penitential Rite

**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.**

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

First Reading

Ez 18:25-28

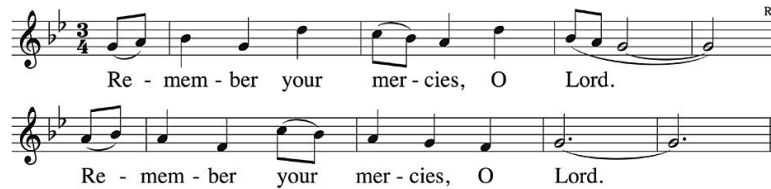
Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9



O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. *℟*.

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness,
O LORD. *℟*.

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to
sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgment;
to the humble he teaches his
way. *℟*.

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Second Reading

Phil 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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

The Love of the Lord

1. All that I count - ed as gain
2. Rich - es and hon - ors will fade,
3. Sil - ver and gold have I none,
4. Faith is the wealth I pos - sess

now I con - sid - er as loss,
earth - ly de - light dis - ap - pear,
no land to count as my home,
Find - ing its source in my God: yet

emp - ty and worth - less to me in the
fade like the grass of the field in the
wealth be - yond meas - ure I own in the
faith in the prom - ise of Christ is my

light of the love of the Lord.
light of the love of the Lord.
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life and my love of the Lord.

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his
life? What more could bring us peace than to
share in his suf-f'ring and death? What more could be our
fi - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

Text: Philippians 3:8-14; Michael Joncas, b.1951
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Recessional Hymn

Lead Me, Lord

Communion Hymn

Bread for the World

Refrain: All

Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger. Wine for all
peo - ples: peo - ple who thirst. May we who eat
be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses: Cantor

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the

1. reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -
2. hearts once bro - ken and where dry - ness sleeps. Where we are
3. rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -

1. vide your peo - ple you are wait - ing there
2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there
3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed,

to Refrain

1. on bend - ed knee to wash our feet with end - less care.
2. to be the way which beck - ons us be - yond de - spair.
3. you walk a - mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

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Choral Meditation - 10:30 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

*Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.
Here on this earth yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.*

1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world, no hands but yours to sooth all its suff'ring, no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.
2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see, to find the lost, to gaze with compassion; no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.
3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor, to walk this world with mercy and justice. Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.
4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need; As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing, with ev'ry gift a benediction be to the people of God.

*Text: St Teresa of Avila; 1515-1582, adapt. By Steven C. Warner, b. 1954
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1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain

**Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.**

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied.

Refrain

3. Blest are they who through their life-times
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward.

Refrain

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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.

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Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville)

6104 Desmond Street, Cincinnati, OH 45227

Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038

Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

5:30 PM Catherine Butler ☩

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 Saint Therese of Liseux

5:30 PM Patricia Misrach ☩

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 Saint Francis of Assisi

5:30 PM Mary Jo Hutchinson ☩

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 Saint Luigi Scrossopi

5:30 PM Former President Donald Trump (L)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 Saint Bruno

4:00 PM Mary McConnell ☩

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Regional Families

10:30 AM Joey Tenenbaum ☩

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at EastsideFaith.org, under the "About" section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. 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.

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



Celebrating the Commission of St. Louis and Zelig October 1, 2023

I am excited to share about the great turn out we have had for our first ministry that is dedicated to the formation, community, and mentorship of couples called to the vocation of marriage. The Commission of St. Louis and Zelig has 152 people in this wonderful ministry and it only recently kicked off earlier this year! This was the brainchild of staff members Haley Metzger and Marta Misleh, and we are excited with the fruits of their labor. I have heard good things about the discussions the couples are having over the book they are reading together. The couples have also started creating communities that they can reach out to for encouragement on their journey towards a sacramental marriage. It's been so good to hear about the couples getting to know each other and supporting each other in their daily lives through friendship and sharing meals with one another.

This weekend is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux who is the daughter of St. Louis and Zelig. She has captured so many hearts with her humble writing and the way she sought Jesus in the "little ways." What a great witness that this saint came from a family with parents who were incredible role models to married couples.

Today we will bless all of the newly married couples as well as those that are newly engaged. Please keep all of our couples as well as the mentor couples in your prayers as they continue to grow in God's great love and in how they live that love in a sacramental marriage.

Fr. Jesse



From the Oratory of Saint John Vianney

Holy Hour Will be Every First Monday

Our first Holy Hour to pray for priests was well attended, with an inspiring talk by seminarian David Homoelle, as well as reflective silence and peaceful music to foster deeper prayer and communion with Our Lord. Please join us on the first Monday of every month, from 7-8, to open our hearts to the mercy and blessings of the Lord.

Update from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your generous support! During the last two months, with your help, we helped 18 neighbors with utility payments, got beds for 7, helped 12 with rent payments, delivered 10 bags of groceries, and provided 13 clothing and furniture vouchers. We also helped people in need to make connections for additional assistance. Your donations stay in the Madisonville/Fairfax neighborhood and the need is great. Anyone who feels called to help with this mission can call Jim Losekamp (513)546-9191.

Lectors Needed

Lectors are needed, particularly for the 3:00 Mass. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please speak with Audrey Coaston-Shelton or Sarah Schmid to be added to the schedule.

Prayer for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

In the mission of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Matthew Robben, Fr. Henry Hoffmann, Fr. Jim Romanello, Fr. Anthony Dattilo, Fr. Terry Hamilton (Family of the Most Holy Eucharist)**. Special thanks to those who have offered to help send notes of thanks and encouragement to the priests we are praying for each week! If you would like to help, please contact Dale Hutchinson at hutchdale52@gmail.com.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated each year on October 7. The entire month is dedicated to the rosary. Join us in saying the rosary at these times:

- **Oratory of St. John Vianney** - 11:15 am Monday-Friday. (Special intentions for the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati)
- **St. Cecilia Church** - 8:30 am Monday-Saturday.
- **St. Mary Church** - 8:30 am Monday-Friday. (Friday rosary intentions for the mothers and the unborn.)

From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Which of the two sons are we like the most? The one who told his father yes but, in the end, reneged. Or are we the ones who said no but, in the end, turned around and did? Too often, people make promises but don't keep them. We all know people like that. At times, we can point fingers at ourselves. May we do our best when we say yes, we mean it, and when we say no, we mean that as well.

Fr. Ken Schroy

From the School Office

Our 2023 National Blue Ribbon School celebrations have begun! Each year, the U.S. Department of Education works with state departments of education and the Council of American Private Education (CAPE) to identify and nominate outstanding schools for this coveted award based on student academic achievement measures in Reading and Math and the offering of innovative programs and practices. We are proud of our faculty and students who work hard to achieve exemplary results.



JOIN US IN DEFENDING LIFE THIS FALL



PRAY

- Join fellow Christians throughout Cincinnati to participate in the international 40 Days for Life effort to pray outside Planned Parenthood Facility, 2314 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Oh 45219 to end abortion in America.
- Join the St. Mary Group by contacting Bob and Dianne Donlan (diannedonlan@outlook.com)
- Join the St. Cecilia Group by contacting Brigid Duffy at 513-379-0821
- Pick up a "Protect them Both" prayer card located in the back of the church.

- Eastside Family Townhall, October 10th at 7 pm (St. Mary Robisch Hall)
 - Cincinnati Right to Life will help unpack the "Ohio Right to Reproductive Freedom" initiative. If passed, this would be a permanent amendment to our state's Constitution. Find out what you will be voting for on November 7th and the effects this will have on the future of our families.



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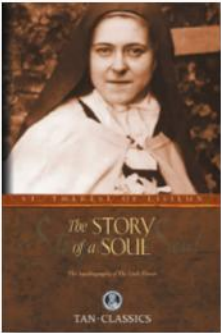


DONATE

- Pregnancy Center Plus Baby Bottle Collection
 - Pick up your empty baby bottle in the back of St. Cecilia, the Oratory, and St. Mary churches on November 4th and 5th. Return it with your donations. To learn more about the comprehensive, life-affirming care provided to women and men who face difficulties arising from untimely pregnancy, visit <https://pcplus.org>.



BOOK REVIEW

THE CATECHIST'S
CORNER*The Story of a Soul* by St. Therese of Lisieux

I first came across *The Story of A Soul* in a very unexpected place. The book was sitting on the desk next me, with no apparent owner, in the back of a secular classroom filled with 11 year olds. It first caught my eye when I saw Therese's photograph on the front cover. I felt as though she was looking at me, daring me to pick up the book! While skimming through, I found a little card that said, "Love." Intrigued, I decided to buy a

copy for myself. In the book, Therese writes her memories out of obedience to her sister's wishes. Her sister was the Mother Superior of the Carmelite community she belonged to. Reading these deeply personal, childlike thoughts of this young girl really affected me. I was shown that it is possible to achieve sainthood by simply loving Our Lord, not by any particular merit of our own. She states: 'I am daringly confident that one day I shall become a great Saint. I am not relying on my own merits, because I haven't any. I hope in Him who is Virtue and Sanctity itself.' Page after page, Therese speaks about her burning desire to love and please Jesus. She would say daring things about wanting to prove her Love by being a priest, a warrior, or to die a martyr's death, but she came to terms with her own way of expressing her love, like that of "a little child." Toward the end of her life she came to understand that her greatest works would be done after her earthly life. Even after she died, her heavenly vocation would be "love," bringing a multitude of souls to Jesus. After reading this book and especially on this feast of St. Therese, I feel as though I am one of those souls pursued to be brought closer to Christ by the "Little Flower." (Reviewed by Terri Knappenberger)

A FAMILY OF
Faith

Our Family of Faith program is in full-swing! We will be accepting registrations for the program until October 15. If your child needs to receive Sacramental Preparation, then please register your family by this day. If your child receives Catechesis within one of our Family Parochial schools, then they do not need to register for Family of Faith Sacramental Preparation. However, we are inviting ALL FAMILIES within the Eastside Family of Parishes to register and attend, even if your child attends one of our schools. All materials/texts are provided. Visit www.eastsidefaith.org/FOF for more info on the program and detailed dates. Please contact Everett Mitchel if interested at emitchel@eastsideregion.org

Interested in becoming
Catholic?
Or simply learning more
about our faith?

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath
at rcia@eastsideregion.org or visit
eastsidefaith.org/rcia. Classes are
Wednesday nights at 7PM in
St. Mary's Robisch Hall

Classes are now in session but you can
still join us!

St. Francis Blessing of Pets

Next weekend on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10:00 AM, we will hold our annual Blessing of Pets commemorating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, in the rectory side yard. We encourage you to bring any and all pets, big or small. Father will ask God to bless them with yearlong good health and safety. And with safety in mind for everyone attending, we ask that you have your pet on a leash or in an appropriate carrier. All who are interested should bring your pet(s) to the side yard on Gilmore Avenue a few minutes before 10 AM.

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OCTOBER 7



The Arm of ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

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DATE: Thursday, October 26, 2023

LOCATION: St. Cecilia Parish

ADDRESS: 3105 Madison Road - Cincinnati, Ohio 45209 (513) 871-5757

VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 1:00 PM

MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:00 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

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The Proposed Amendment Would Change The Ohio Constitution To Permit Abortions Up To The Time Of Birth.

The proposed amendment goes far beyond what was permitted under Roe v. Wade. One way it does so is by the use of the word "health." This word, which is intentionally undefined, will include anything that a pro-choice doctor is willing to state could harm a woman's/girl's "health" and permit abortions up to the time of birth.

Under the proposed amendment, in order for a girl or woman to have an abortion after "fetal viability," she would not be required to show that her life or health was actually at risk. All that she would need to do is find just one pro-abortion doctor anywhere in the country who is willing to state that, in his or her subjective, "professional judgment," the mere fact that a girl/woman wants an abortion is, by itself, enough to establish that the abortion is "necessary" to protect her life or health. Consequently, the number of post-viability abortions, including abortions up to the time of birth, would not be rare because their "necessity" will be determined by the subjective opinions of the most radical, pro-abortion doctors in this country. In short, because the proposed amendment does not have an objective, medical standard, it leaves the medical decision about the necessity for an abortion, including an abortion up to the time of birth, to pro-choice doctors based upon their subjective, pro-choice biases of what is needed to protect a girl's/woman's life or "health."

Brian Hurley

Brian E. Hurley is an attorney who has practiced law for over 40 years and represented girls who were rape victims and brought claims against an abortion provider alleging that it failed to meet its duties to report sexual abuse and obtain parental and informed consent.

WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

- Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
- The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
- However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
- As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis," and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
- This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2311.06 & 2302.303
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