



MINISTERS



LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR  
OCTOBER 6/7, 2018

	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		
3:30 p.m.	Eric Givens	Cathy Givens	Jackie Soards	Alba Shank
NOON	Margaret Mobley	Anita O'Connor	Chyane Collins	Gene Kropfelder

COLLECTION COUNTER: Jim \$ Margaret Block



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 30

Noon Mary Kowalsky  
(Joanne Fitchpatrick)

Tuesday, October 2

11:00 a.m. Lorraine Wagner  
(Bob & Kathy Dye)

Friday, October 5

Noon Jericho Ruhn  
(Bob & Kathy Dye)

Saturday, October 6

3:30 p.m. Henry Fisher's Birthday  
(Rose & Jim Merkowitz)  
  
Ed & Anna Volk;  
Florence & Vesta Perin  
(Agnes & Charles Volk)

Sunday, October 7

Noon Oris Suver  
(Chuck & Ann Winkle)



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need ..... \$ 1,900.00  
Collection September 22/23 2018  
Envelopes & Loose ..... \$ 1,621.00  
Variance ..... -\$ 279.00  
(3☹☹☹)

SVDP: \$105.00



YTD NEED STARTING 7/8/18... \$ 22,800.00  
YTD COLLECTION ..... \$ 22,961.00  
VARIANCE ..... +\$ 161.00  
(2😊😊)



BENEDICTION EVERY  
TUESDAY MORNING AT 11:00 a.m.



**Sunday, Sept. 30**

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
10:30 a.m. PSR Class in Religious Education Building  
10:30 a.m. RCIA Class in Religious Education Building

**Monday, Oct. 1**

6:30 p.m. Faith Study in Religious Education Building

**Tuesday, Oct. 2**

6:00 p.m. Choir in Church

**Thursday, Oct. 4**

7:00 p.m. Confirmation at St. Mary, Hillsboro

**Saturday, Oct. 6**

9:00 a.m. Rosary in Religious Education Building

**Sunday, Oct. 7**

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Respect Life Weekend  
10:30 a.m. PSR Class  
10:30 a.m. RCIA Class  
1:00 p.m. Parish Council in Fr. Lay Hall



October 13...Jerry Slamka-Parker



**Do you want to be a server? Any man, woman, child or student who has made their First Communion is eligible to serve. There is going to be a training session on October 14th after Mass for anyone who might be interested in becoming a server at the altar.** Please call the office to let us know if you are interested to insure that enough materials are available.

**Confirmation:** Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to take the next step toward fulfilling their journey on being closer to Jesus. The students are: Todd Ford, Ava Hester, Alysa Carroll, David Carroll, Simon Hicks, and Travis Hampton. Each of these students has finished a two-year program, a service project and a retreat, under the direction of their teacher, Ms. Kristy Bockrath, to prepare for the October 4th Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. Archbishop Schnurr will administer the sacrament at St. Mary Church for students of the Highland County Catholic Community.

**Adult Faith Studies** have started to meet again in the Religious Education Building, with the study on the reflection of the letter of Benedict XVI's Sacrament Caritatis – the Sacrament of Charity/Love, as a conclusion of their study of the sacraments. We will be meeting for the next three or four weeks on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

**Parish Council:** Will meet Sunday, October 7th, after Mass. All are welcome. Lunch will be served.

**The St. Benignus Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 13th, on the Court House Lawn in Greenfield at 12:00 Noon.** Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**LAUGHTER IS GOOD**

A man is bragging about his new hearing aid. "It's the best I've ever had," he says. "It cost \$3,000.00."

His friend asks, "What kind is it?"

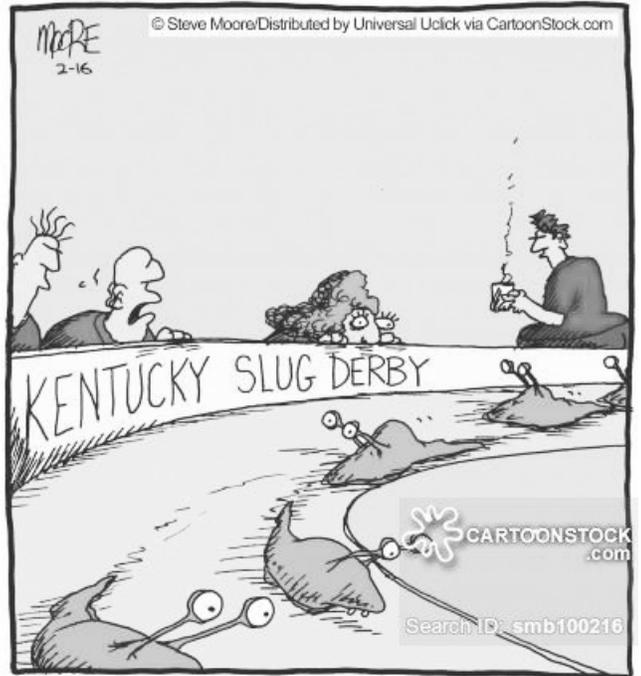
He says, "Half past four!"



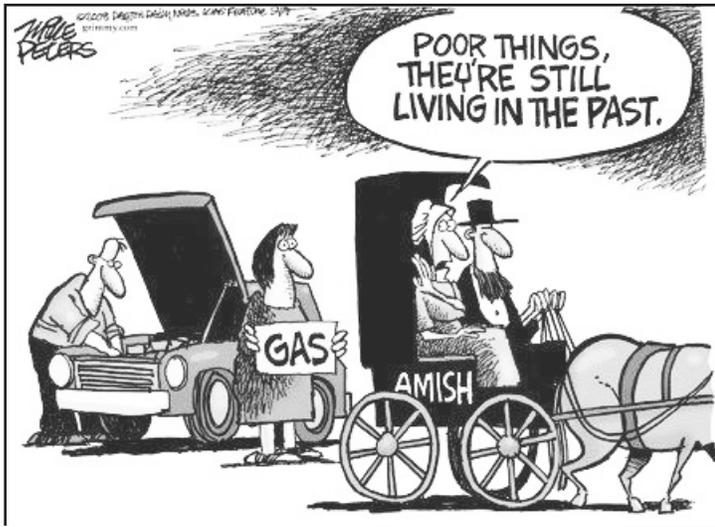
I found a wallet with \$20.00 in it. I wasn't sure how to proceed, but then I thought, "What would Jesus do?"

So I turned it into wine.





"Bernie, you'd better get over here in the next half-hour or so ... They've entered the stretch."



## SERMON FOR TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

If I took literally what Jesus said about cutting off parts of my body that cause me to sin, I think the only one I would have left is my pinky toe. Yet, even my pinky toe has caused me to sin when I stubbed it and then yelled out a nasty word. Jesus does not want you to cut up your body. He wants you to cut out from your soul anything that separates you from God. There are seven deadly sins that can cut you away from God: pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth. Let's take a closer look.

**Pride:** The most deadly of all sins. It is through pride that the devil became the devil. Pride is the "anti-God" in which you, the creature, make yourself the Creator. Pride always cuts you off from God's grace because you believe you have no need of it.

**Greed:** The desire to possess so much that the things of this world become your god.

**Lust:** An intense longing for things like money, power and pleasure instead of longing for God.

**Envy:** Jealousy over the blessings of another instead of being grateful of your own. Envy is another sin that made the devil be the devil. Wisdom 2:24 states "the envy of the devil brought death to the world."

**Gluttony:** Overindulgence in anything, not just food. Gluttony leads to selfishness – an eagerness to please myself over the needs of others.

**Wrath:** Always reveals itself in a desire to seek vengeance and to punish.

**Sloth:** The failure to do things one should do. Evil exists when good people fail to act.

It's important you know these seven deadly sins because any one of them can not only separate you from God, but can cause someone else to be cut off from God. The "little ones" Jesus talks about may not refer just to children but to anyone in the Christian faith. There is a true story told to me years ago by my mother of a man named John. John was a cradle Catholic. He revered his parish priest. One day, John paid a visit to the priest's home. The priest invited him inside. As it was supper time, John could smell the scent of beef stew coming from the kitchen. He peered around the kitchen wall when the priest went to another room. John saw a bowl of beef stew on the table. He was shocked. The priest was eating meat on a Friday. He said to the priest, "Father, is it not a mortal sin to eat meat on Friday? How can you eat this?" The priest responded, "Do as I say, not as I do."

John was so scandalized by this that he left the Catholic Church. For 50 years, he did not go to Church, nor taking Holy Communion. Now an old man, John was burning trash one day in his incinerator. There were aerosol cans in the fire. They exploded, shooting flames catching his clothes on fire. He suffered third degree burns all over his body. He had little time left. It was a non-Catholic friend who convinced John to come back to the Church. The non-Catholic did not follow our faith, but drove out John's demon in the name of Jesus. John summoned a priest who gave him Last Rites. He received Holy Communion for the first time in over 50 years. The next day, John left this world.

I remember John as a kid. As a priest, I have visited his grave at Calvary Cemetery in Freedom, Pennsylvania, where my grandparents are laid to rest. I prayed not only for John, but for the man who did not follow the Catholic Church, but who God used as an instrument to lead John back to his Christian Catholic Faith. That man who performed a mighty deed in the name of Jesus will surely not lose his reward. Blessings...Fr. Mike