

COLLAR CORNER

It's easy to forget how close God is and ready to help us with His grace. We can fall into the trap of thinking that God is distant and uninterested in us. But this flies in the face of what God reveals to us in Scripture. God's Word reminds us over and over how close God is to us. He is here whenever we gather with others in His name, which can be as simple as praying a quiet prayer together. (Matthew 18:20) He is here when we receive the Sacraments, above all in the Eucharist. (John 6:51) God the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts through Baptism and Confirmation. (1 Corinthians 6:19) Jesus' last words recorded in the Gospel of Matthew are: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) He is here with us always! God could have just been content to speak to us, but He chose to do even more. He came down as one of us so that we might have the most intimate possible access to Him. So let us put our trust in His closeness, especially in those times of difficulty. Our God can get us through anything!

In Jesus through Mary, *J. Tom*

Father Tom would like to come for a meal and get to know his parishioners. Monday thru Thursday and Saturdays are the best days. Thank you to all those who have called in and scheduled a time for getting together for a meal.



There is this one place on my back that I am not able to itch no matter how hard I try. I can't reach it with my hind legs or my mouth. But the Pack Leader is able to scratch it and he knows right where it is. I'm so grateful every time he gets that one spot! That is the way it is in our lives. We have certain needs that only other people can take care of. Be sure to thank the Creator for the people He has given you to help you when you can't help yourself. And never be afraid to ask somebody else for help when you need it. I am so grateful for those scratches from the Pack Leader. They are the best!

VOLUNTEER MUSIC TEACHER NEEDED

In an effort to ensure that all Sacred Heart students receive a well rounded education we are looking for a volunteer music teacher one day a week. If you are interested please contact principal, Mary Kobel at 740 622-3728 or mkobel@cdeducation.org.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 *Labor Day*
9:00am Parishioners & Benefactors

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:00am +Mary Chapman (Jim & Pat Alvarez)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
5:30pm +Su Ann Duda

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 *Saint Peter Claver*
9:00am +Clara Synan (Armstrong Family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00am Communion Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
5:00pm +Robert Secrest (Marie Secrest)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8:00am +Lisa Bradford McBride (Jim & Sandy Bradford)
10:30am +Tom McNichols (Marilyn McNichols)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for those who are Sick or in Care Centers.

Laura Ahern, Pat & Jimm Alvarez, Blane Alverson, Patrick Anderson, Tom Apple, Dan Armbruster, Abby Van Autreve, Elizabeth B., Jenny Bachman, Jerry Bailey, Barbara Baker, Quinn Bassett, Christopher Bice, Charles Bordenkircher, John Bordenkircher, Ashleigh Bradford, Fred Bradford, Ashley Canfield, Vic Cardenzana, Carol Clark, Steve Cox, Kathy Cutshall, Kody Darr, Shirley Dishong, Kathy Edwards, Dave & Verna Emerson, Mark & Lisë Emerson, Linda Fletcher, Brenda Fowler, Randy Fraelich, Kathleen Fritz, Nora Guinther, Elder Fry, Lou & Carol Gardina, Joe Gardina Jr., Tony Gardina, Charles & John Gauerke, Janet Jonard - Guillory, Mary & Audrey Hague, Jeff Hains, Ginny Harrison, John Holehouse, Marilyn Keiffer, Ken Kessler, Greyson Kilgore, Liz Kurtz, George Lahna, Shirley Lauvray, Sara Long, Alice Longo, Ava Longo, Michael Longo, Brenda Lozowski, Chris McCabe, Mary Lou McCabe, Jim McCann, Dave McCarty, Martha McGrady, John Daniel McKay, Irene McNichols, Brian Merce, Janet Miskimens, Joanie & Bill Moran, Betty Mould, Tanya Mounts, Rita Myers, Kitty Onufer, Mary Onufer, Doris Parkhill, Reston Price, Joe & Kelli Prosek, Jean Raber, Brian Reiss, Betsy Ritchie, Riane Rine, Pat Roach, Tanya Roahrig, Marie Salmon, Debi Schuler, Helen Shaw, Mary Slusser, Mary Smeyres, LaVerne Stewart, Kathryn Stuart, Betty Sturtz, Theresa Theriault, Lisa Thompson, Pat Tumblin, Joan Unger, Pat Van Autreve, Terry & Esther Versch, Diane Viramountes, B. Visitiane, Joan Vought, Christa Walsh, James Wiley, Chuck Williams, Dick Wright and all those in need of prayer.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH FOR LABOR DAY!

MISSION STATEMENT... For over 160 years, Sacred Heart Parish and its missions have served the Coshocton County Community. Our Catholic Family is based upon faith and love. We apply Christian values to the continued spiritual growth of our parish family by our words and actions, and by involved parishioners who support our church and school.

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE

Sacred Heart Parish extends prayerful condolences to the family of **Tommy O'Brien**, who died on Aug 18, 2021. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, August 24 with burial at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery.

May he rest in peace!

FALL BIBLE STUDY

The series begins Wednesday, Sept 15th at 6:30pm, in the School Cafeteria. In this 9-part video series, ***THE CASE FOR JESUS***, Dr. Brant Pitre draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity. This powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

REAL PRESENCE, REAL FUTURE REFLECTIONS

Openness to New Ideas!

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the deaf man with the speech impediment, "Ephphatha," which means "be opened." The man could now hear and spoke plainly. What a change for him. He now had access to a whole new world. He could hear Jesus' teaching and could share them with others. Many people in our world need to hear the words of Jesus. We are all being called to proclaim the Gospel, which could be a change for many of us. Real Presence Real Future is asking us to open to new ideas and accept some changes. In the words of Jesus: "Ephphatha" be opened.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Sacred Heart's RCIA sessions are open to *anyone* wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith. This includes members of the faith as well as those wishing to become Catholic. Many current Catholics have been able to renew their understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith by being a sponsor or just by attending RCIA sessions which begin on September 19 at noon in the Parish Meeting Center (*School Library*). For more information contact Deacon Doug at the Parish Office. (740-622-8817).

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

*State Farm
Doug Marmie, CLU*

HAITI RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION

Bishop Brennan has approved a **Special Collection** for Haiti Earthquake Relief in parishes for the coming month. We will have our collection on **September 25/26**. Please use a special needs envelope in your packet and mark it for Haiti Relief. Your gift will help provide essential relief, including clean water, sanitation, shelter, and emergency supplies. You can go to <https://support.crs.org/> for more information. For updates, contact Erin Cordle, Catholic Relief Services diocesan director, at: socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Please pray for people in Haiti and the CRS relief workers supporting them.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in desperate need for volunteers. Our core group has become quite small. We have members move and sadly some who have passed away. We can supply the yarn. At this time we are not meeting in person, so you can knit or crochet from home. We are in need of donations so we can purchase baby yarn for Baptismal Blankets that are given to the family. For more information or you would like to donate please contact Tomma B at 740-622-0009.

PSR REGISTRATION

Parish School of Religion (PSR) begins on **Sunday, Sept. 12th** with classes from 9am until 10:15am. PSR registration forms and a letter have been sent to households with current PSR-aged children. If you have not sent in your registration forms please return to the Parish Office or bring the first day of class. Please call Deacon Doug if you have any questions.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

In collaboration with the diocese's effort to prevent sexual abuse, our parish will be hosting a **"Protecting God's Children"** awareness session on **Saturday, October 2nd at 9:30am** at Sacred Heart School in the School Cafeteria. **"Protecting God's Children"** is a **mandatory program** for *all who work or volunteer with children* in our diocese. Parents and any other interested parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend as well. To register go to www.virtus.org or contact Deacon Doug at the Parish Office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

September 6: Parish Office Closed (*Labor Day Holiday*)
September 8: Parish Council Meeting / PMR / 6:15pm
September 12: PSR Classes Begin / 9am-10:15am
September 15: Lectio Bible Study / Session 1 / Cafeteria / 6:30pm
September 19: RCIA Begins / PMC / 12 Noon
October 2: Protecting God's Children / School Cafeteria / 9:30am

OFFERTORY SUMMARY August 28/29

Envelopes	4,899.00	School Support	\$210.00
Loose	388.00	St Vincent de Paul	\$3,601.00
Children	2.00		
Total	\$5,289.00	Mass Count:	278

SEPT 11/12	LECTOR	SERVERS	HOLY COMMUNION	GIFT BEARERS
5:00 PM	Matt Gauerke	Jim Waibel		<i>Need Volunteers</i>
8:00 AM	Chuck Fornara	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	Nancy Hatem	Bob & Sandy Babcock
10:30 AM	Jason Given	Jillian Given	Reni Akers	John & Lynn Hardesty