

# LIVE YOUR FAITH

## TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

American Idol, Fox's incredibly successful search-for-singing-talent blockbuster, has agreed to run a brilliantly conceived **PRO-ADOPTION AD FROM CATHOLICVOTE.ORG** on the show's season finale. CatholicVote.org (a subsidiary of the Fidelis Center) is the same group whose stunningly creative ad that talked about how pro-abortion President Barack Obama had been raised in difficult circumstances by a single mother was rejected by NBC-TV (and CNN). To view the amazing ads go to [www.catholicvote.org](http://www.catholicvote.org).

I wish to **PERSONALLY THANK YOU** for your support in my vocation to the holy Priesthood. As I enter formation at Mount St. Mary's of the West in Cincinnati in the fall, after graduating with a bachelor's degree in English Literature and a minor in philosophy from the Pontifical College Josephinum; know that you continue to be in my prayers, and I ask that you continue to pray for me. You are cordially invited to an **OPEN HOUSE** at the farm in Russia (2855 Russia Rd.) on Sunday, May 17, from 2-4. If you desire to give a gift to me, please consider offering your prayer intentions for more good and holy vocations to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. May Christ the High Priest continue to shower His many blessings upon you.

Andrew Cordonnier

**CHRISTIAN FATHERHOOD:** The next class will be May 18th at 6:45pm-7:45pm in the rectory basement. The focus of this class will be following St. Joseph. All men are welcome. If you missed the first class, you still can come to any of the eight classes. For more information please contact Matt Gibson at (937) 526-4250 or check it out on the web at [dads.org](http://dads.org). We hope to see you there!

**VOTIVE CANDLES IN CHURCH:** Father encourages people to light the votive candles in church. However, he is finding that pieces of the long taper or wick that is used to light the candle are being left in the candle. He feels this could be a fire hazard if those wicks start on fire. Please make sure they are removed. Thank you.

**GIVE A WEEK OF YOUR SUMMER TO SERVICE IN KENTUCKY!** The Sisters of the Precious Blood invite single women 18-35 to be part of a Summer Ministry Week in Appalachia June 14-18. Participants will work with the sisters in a variety of projects at St. Joseph the Worker Mission in Elkhorn City, Ky., including grounds work, repairs, helping with the mission's thrift shop, and just being a friendly, warm presence to people alone or in need. Time for socializing, shared prayer included. Program is limited to 10 participants so early registration is encouraged. Spanish language skills a plus. Can't attend the full week? Part-time participants welcome; the program is flexible. Registration requested by Friday, June 5. For more information, contact Sister Carolyn Hoying at (937) 231-1244, or e-mail: [Vocations@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org](mailto:Vocations@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org)

Volunteers are needed to help **BUILD A FLOAT** representing the Shelby County Right to Life. Artificial ficus trees (artificial household trees) are needed to help decorate the float. If you are able to help out with either of these please call Sara Stueve at 526-3950. The parade season is soon approaching—call soon!

**THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL** (formerly the Archbishop's Fund Drive) is coming to a close. Letters were sent to each registered household of archdiocese with information regarding this appeal. To date St. Remy's has reached 89% of our goal. If you would like to donate put your offering in an envelope marked "Catholic Ministries Appeal" and put it in the collection basket. If you have a preprinted envelope mail it to the address shown. Thank you!

**PROJECT RACHEL** is a post-abortive healing ministry in the Dayton & Cincinnati area. Summer support groups are available. For more information or to register call their confidential help line at 513-784-0531 or email Mary Anne Boyd at [mboyd@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mboyd@catholiccincinnati.org).

*Thank you for your generosity!*

<b>LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERING:</b> (including ACH payments)	3,974.00
<b>BUDGETED COLLECTION AMOUNT:</b>	4,090.00
<b>YTD SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</b>	19,557.00

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# SCHEDULES & EVENTS

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR MAY 16-24

- 16 Sat:** 5:00 p.m. Leroy & Mary Francis family  
**17 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
 9:00 a.m. Marie Schwartz—15th Anniversary  
 11:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass  
**18 Mon:** 8:15 a.m. Venituous & Magdalene Voisard  
**19 Tues:** 8:15 a.m. Robert & Ken Gariety  
**20 Wed:** 8:15 a.m. Joe Groff  
**21 Thurs:** 8:15 a.m. Hilda York—1st Anniversary  
**22 Fri:** 8:15 a.m. Dale & Sebastian Hathaway  
 7:30 p.m. Latin Mass  
**23 Sat:** **7:15 a.m. (TIME CHANGE!)** Kyle Magoto  
 5:00 p.m. Tom & Rose Cordonnier  
**24 Sun:** 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
 9:00 a.m. Harry Philipot—birthday  
 11:00 a.m. Virg Grogean

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 23-24

### SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Austin Tebbe & Brandon Colby  
 7:30 a.m. Jack & Dean Langenkamp  
 9:00 a.m. TBA  
 11:00 a.m. Derek & Trent Francis

### LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Bill Francis  
 7:30 a.m. Kathy Pinchot  
 9:00 a.m. Ken York  
 11:00 a.m. Angie Heaton

### DISTRIBUTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Carrie Heuing, Greg & Rose Pleiman  
 7:30 a.m. Jim Marchal, Mark Hoying, Charlie Voisard  
 9:00 a.m. Vern & Karen Rosenbeck, Ed Borchers, Tom & Marleen Hemmelgarn  
 11:00 a.m. Josh Pleiman, Ron & Kay Borchers, Steve & Bonnie York

### GIFT PRESENTERS

- 5:00 p.m. Wes & Chandra Goubeaux  
 7:30 a.m. Jerry & Judy Goubeaux  
 9:00 a.m. Bob & Deb Wehner  
 11:00 a.m. Dan & Gina Poling

**COLLECTION COUNTERS:** Mike Adams & Carol Borchers



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held every Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. Benediction, the closing of Adoration, is held at 8:30 pm.

### WEEKLY RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Thursdays: 3:00—3:30 pm, 7:30—8:30 pm  
 Saturdays: 9:15—10:00 am, 3:30—4:30 pm  
 (There will be no morning or afternoon confessions on Saturdays, May 16 & 23)  
 Sundays: 10:30—10:50 am



# DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

## Readings for the week of May 17, 2009

- Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/  
 Jn 15:9-17  
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28  
 Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph  
 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/MK  
 16:15-20

*“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” — Jn 15:10-11*

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*Did You Know...*

## **Notre Dame Loses \$8.2 Million in Withheld Donations over Obama Scandal**

DEARBORN, MI, April 27, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - On the same day that former Vatican ambassador Mary Ann Glendon announced that she has decided to refuse Notre Dame's Laetare Medal due to the university's invitation of Obama to receive an honorary degree at this year's commencement ceremony, a group protesting the decision has announced that the university has also lost millions in donations because of the scandal. (See: <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2009/apr/09042702.html>)

Organizers of ReplaceJenkins.com, an online effort urging alumni and donors to the University of Notre Dame to withhold donations, announced Monday that they have personally confirmed over \$8.2 million in withheld donations. The URL of the website - ReplaceJenkins.com - is a reference to the main demand of the group - that Notre Dame president Fr. John Jenkins, who has firmly stood by the university's decision to honor Obama, be replaced with someone who will uphold the Catholic identity of the university.

The website has received over 900 pledges from alumni and donors promising to withhold future donations. Several of the largest gifts include estate bequests to the University that have been removed from donors' wills.

ReplaceJenkins.com organizers say they have personally confirmed a majority of the largest donations, and are continuing to verify the validity of millions of additional gifts.

ReplaceJenkins.com spokesperson David DiFranco (Class of '95) said: "We knew many donors and alums were unhappy with the decision to honor a pro-abortion president, but we never expected this large of a response. We can hardly keep up, and this is only the beginning. We can only imagine what fundraisers at the University are experiencing, but understandably not reporting."

DiFranco said that ReplaceJenkins.com has dismissed a number of submissions of withheld donations that were obviously false. He also said that the current figure of \$8.2 million does not include a number of other large pledges that they are in the process of confirming.

"We are speaking directly with donors, and in several cases we have spoken with estate attorneys to confirm that Notre Dame has been stripped from a donor's will," he said. "We are going about this process with a critical eye in order that that the numbers we report are accurate. For that reason, the \$8.2 million we are reporting today is actually very conservative."

Alumni and financial supporters of the University of Notre Dame launched the online effort just over one week ago in an effort to withhold donations from Notre Dame, until Rev. John Jenkins, CSC is replaced.

"As momentum continues to build, we are now certain that the financial penalty resulting from the decision to honor the most pro-abortion president in our nation's history, will be enormous," said DiFranco.

"The fact that this effort is necessary is unfortunate. However, alumni and supporters of Notre Dame have little other recourse than to protest with their pocketbooks. We will continue our efforts as long as it is necessary to bring about positive change at Notre Dame that will honor 'Our Lady's' University."

(Mary Ann Glendon, the former United States ambassador to the Vatican who was set to receive the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal at the school's commencement on May 17, has written to University president Fr. John Jenkins saying that she will not attend the ceremony or accept the award after all. Glendon says her refusal stems from the University's persistence in choosing to honor Obama with an honorary degree, despite U.S. Bishops Conference policy that forbids honoring pro-abortion politicians.)

### **How can I make a difference?**

*If you have extra maternity or children's clothing appropriate to age 12, please consider donating the to the Shelby Co. Right to Life Office. They provide low-cost clothing and other items to mothers with babies and young children. For more info go to [www.shelbycountyrtnl.org](http://www.shelbycountyrtnl.org). Please drop off donations to the St. Remy Rectory basement.*

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**CWV MEMBERS** are requested to gather behind the church at 8:00 am on Memorial Day, May 25, for the flag raising at church. After the 8:15 Mass we will go to the cemetery to salute our dead, which will be followed by a light breakfast at the CWV Hall. Members and widows of deceased members and their guest are cordially invited.

**CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB** will have a house party in Russia on Saturday, May 23. For more information call 419-204-3013.

**HOLY ANGELS SOUP KITCHEN** is in need of summer volunteers beginning June 1 through July on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am until 1:45 pm. The soup kitchen is held at the Alpha Community Center on E. Court St. in Sidney. Contact Pat Luthman at 498-0598 for more information.

**THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** is recited every Friday at 3:30 pm at St. Denis Church, Versailles. All are welcome to join. For questions call Kathy Miller at 526-3836.

41st Annual **PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** will be held at the Maria Stein Relic Chapel, Maria Stein. The event will begin on Thursday, May 21 at 8:00 pm with Mass at the adoration chapel. Rev. Paul Wohlwend will be the celebrant. It will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 pm to 7:00 pm Friday night. The closing ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 22 at 7:30 pm. The closing includes a tribute to the veterans, May crowning, the rosary, and closing Mass with Rev. Tony Fortman. All are welcome.



If you are **HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND FOR ANY REASON** please let the parish staff know by calling 526-3437. The chaplains and/or families do not always make Father aware, and he regrets not visiting those in need.

**ARE YOU FACING AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?** For help call this confidential hotline: 1-800-395-HELP.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Check out the CD rack in the back of church. CD's are just \$3!!!

During the month of May we honor  
**MARY, OUR MOTHER.**

One of Mary's greatest virtues was that of humility. Accordingly, we had a section on humility last week and this week in the bulletin.

This prayer was written by Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val (1865-1930), the secretary of state for Pope Saint Pius X. It is a very good daily prayer, especially when recited in front of a crucifix so that we can recall the humility of Christ.

## Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,

*deliver me, O Jesus (repeat after each line).*

From the desire of being loved,

From the desire of being extolled,

From the desire of being honored,

From the desire of being praised,

From the desire of being preferred to others,

From the desire of being consulted,

From the desire of being approved,

From the fear of being humiliated,

From the fear of being despised,

From the fear of suffering rebukes,

From the fear of being calumniated,

From the fear of being forgotten,

From the fear of being ridiculed,

From the fear of being wronged,

From the fear of being suspected,

That others may be loved more than I, *O Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. (repeat after each line).*

That others may be esteemed more than I,

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase & I may decrease,

That others may be chosen and I set aside,

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,

That others may be preferred to me in everything,

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, *O Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

# CCD & YOUTH MINISTRY

## Birth Control and Teens

February 2nd, 2009 by Emily Bissonnette (this article was found at <http://tob.catholicexchange.com/2009/02/02/380>)

When a school in Maine decided in the fall of 2007 to allow junior high girls access to birth control without parental consent or knowledge, many in the country were outraged. Yet what many parents do not realize is that most young girls are able to procure birth control without their parents' knowledge regardless of individual school decisions.

The Supreme Court has acknowledged a minor's right to privacy regarding birth control in their *Carey v. Population Services International* decision.

Planned Parenthood, an organization all too eager to provide contraceptive prescriptions to teens without their parents' knowledge, openly advises teens that, in general, parental permission is unnecessary on their explicit website, "Teen Wire."

What is a parent to do in a culture that celebrates non-marital sexual activity and dispenses pills, patches, and condoms as if they were candy at a Fourth of July parade?

On a practical level, it is important to become familiar with your insurance policies regarding parental notification and consent. Choosing a doctor who you know respects your ideas and values would be particularly helpful. Doctors who refuse to prescribe the birth control pill are rare, but it's worth checking to see if one practices in your area. One More Soul offers an online directory at their website, <http://www.omsoul.com>.

Most importantly, however, this issue, as well as sexuality in general, requires ongoing conversations between parent and child with more than just a, "Don't do it, or else" approach. In order to make a more convincing argument, parents also have to incorporate solid answers to the questions, "Why not?" and "What's in it for me?"

A wonderful place to start is Pope John Paul II's theology of the body. During the early years of his pontificate, the late Holy Father delivered a series of 129 addresses regarding marriage, family, and sexuality during his weekly audiences. This ingenious work gives great insights behind Catholic sexual morality.

For parents discussing issues of sexual activity and birth control, here are some points from theology of the body that may be helpful:

- Love is a concept often associated with pink hearts and fuzzy feelings, but in reality, Pope John Paul II defined it as willing the good of the beloved. True love involves sacrifices and seeking what is truly best for the other. The late Holy Father also taught that the opposite of love is not hate, but is using another person for one's own selfish gain.
- Our bodies were created to reveal something about God. Being made in the image and likeness of God means that we have intellect and free will, but also that we were made for union and communion with another, and ultimately with God. Therefore, our sexuality is supposed to be a reminder of our call for union with God, not merely a vehicle for earthly pleasure.
- Sex belongs in marriage because it expresses marital love. This type of love is freely given, faithful, open to new life and total. There is no time outside of marriage when all of these conditions can be authentically present.

Teenagers can also benefit from a tour of *Humanae Vitae*. Looking at Pope Paul VI's predictions for the consequences of contraception and the inseparable meanings of sex as unitive and procreative may be eye-opening experiences for those raised in a culture that embraces limitless sex.

Since God created us from love and for love, we will ultimately not be satisfied with a counterfeit. Parents who assist their children in realizing that birth control and non-marital sexual activity are beneath their dignity, will be giving the tools that are necessary for a joyful, fulfilled life. Taking precautions to ensure that your children will not be burdened by the temptations of birth control and encouraging them by assuring them you believe they can successfully live chastity will not go unnoticed.

# PASTOR'S POINT

**THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.



## **ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

To be recited daily during the Novena

On my knees I before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

To be recited daily during the Novena

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

**The Novena begins on Friday, May 22, the day after the Solemnity of the Ascension, and is prayed for 9 days.**

# RUSSIA COMMUNITY NEWS

A performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be performed by **RUSSIA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** on Sunday, May 17, at 7:00 pm in the Clair C. Naveau gymnasium. Admission prices are: adults \$3.00, senior citizens \$2.00, grades 7-12 \$2.00 and 6th grade and under \$1.00. Additional chair seating will be available. This musical will last approximately 65 minutes. Hope to see you there!

There will be a **BLOOD DRIVE** on Monday, May 18 at the Versailles Knights of Columbus Hall, from 11 am-7 pm